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A Cardinal's Warning

CARDINAL O'CONNELL, dean of the Catholic hierarchy in America, outspokenly asserts that the American people want to keep out of the war but that "the Government seems *to ignore their wishes and still talks of democracy.*"

Cardinal O'Connell seemed to strike at the very root of the Administration's belligerent policies when he said: "There is no doubt a great deal of vanity and ambition mixed up in this war!"

The Cardinal added that there is a distinct feeling that "things are going on behind the scenes." He said that he was speaking as a "humble and plain American citizen" but that he was "echoing sentiments I have heard from everybody, high and low."

The Cardinal warned ominously: *"It is a dangerous thing to toy with the trust of the people in their Government!*

"I can't think of anything but the cruelties and horror of this war," the Cardinal declared. "I don't know why anyone should want to get into that mess. If we do, it is bound to bring with it the same condition it brought over there.

"It is no longer a war of armies. It is a war of murderous weapons, sprung on you in the dead of night. There is no chance for retaliation.

"I can't understand why any power should prohibit the sending of food to old women and little children. What have they done? Nothing. We should do everything we can to get food to those hungry people.

"That's the kind of work America should be proud to do — not mix in problems that Europe has never been able to solve. That's utterly futile. It is not only futile but it only serves to bring more calamity to the world.

"We should use every possible intelligent means to bring about peace. That's the mission of America, a sacred mission. We have the wealth, intelligence and power and if we use these with discretion, good results are bound to follow.

"Whole peoples," His Eminence said, "are being thrown into a cauldron of fire, to suffer for the folly of a few men.

"I keep praying for peace."

Pilgrims' Club Special Train

FROM Philadelphia, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Baltimore, and Washington, D. C., under auspices of the Pilgrim's Club of Philadelphia, many of Father Coughlin's friends will leave for Royal Oak on a rail-water pilgrimage, via the B. & O. railroad and D. & C. steamer.

A special train will leave 24th and Chestnut street, Friday, July 4th, at 8:30 a. m. (E.D.T.). Round trip fare (transportation only) $14; children under 12, $8.

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Massachusetts Makes Plans

MASSACHUSETTS hopes to be second to none in honoring Father Coughlin on the happy occasion of his Silver Jubilee on June 29. Wide interest is shown in plans for a pilgrimage to the Shrine in conjunction with the celebration of his anniversary. Notice of final arrangements will be carried in SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine.

A mammoth penny sale, under auspices of the Social Justice Study Clubs of Boston, will be held at Hibernian hall, 184 Dudley street, Roxbury, on Tuesday, May 13, proceeds of which will be presented as a gift to Father Coughlin.

Information on both the above affairs may be had by calling Arnold 2119; Highlands 3659; or Highlands 5053.

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OUR correspondents sometimes write better material than we of the staff could ever think of.

For example, the Acorn Study Club of Cleveland, Ohio, reports on a local situation which ought to give an idea to a lot of other cities. Many already are doing the same thing. We quote:

"Since April, 1937, we have been receiving 32 copies each week of SOCIAL JUSTICE as gift of the Acorn Study Club. This has enabled us to place one copy in the Main Library and one in each of 31 of our Branches.

"We now have requests from the two remaining Branches for this periodical, and we are wondering if it would be possible for your club to increase the subscriptions to 34 instead of 32? If you can do this, we shall be most grateful for the additional favor.

"Assuring you of our deep appreciation of your courtesy, we are

"Very truly yours,
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Public Library."

Spring Comes to Royal Oak —Pete Wants a Vakashun

HELLO, FOLKS:

I'm gonna stop in f'r justa minnut this mornin' — I know y've got lotsa things t' do, what with housecleanin' 'n all — 'n I've got things t' tend t', too, b'leeve it 'r not. Yep, I'm a busy boy these days, with lotsa terratory t' cover I guess it's a good thing my legs 're good 'n long.

I s'pose y're wonderin' what it could be that I'd hafta do — well, let me tell y', ennybuddy that has ennything t' do with th' Shrine, SOCIAL JUSTICE, 'r ennything else 'round here has always got plenty t' do. Never a dull moment. We all seem t' thrive on it, though.

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T' begin with, Spring has "sprung" here in Royal Oak somethin' like majik. One day it was Winter 'n th' next it was Spring 'n th' yard 'round Mother Coughlin's house seemed t' need all sortsa 'tennshun 'n so we hadda hire some men t' rake up th' leeves 'n poke 'round th' bushes 'n sprinkul funny-smellin' stuff all 'round on th' grass 'n uv course I had t' soopervise th' whole biznuss. I've gotta lot uv 'sponsibility, y' know, 'cause Mother Coughlin has all she can do t' keep her house like she wants it 'n Dad, he jus' can't keep up with things like he usta 'n their son is busier'n a bee all over th' place so it's kinda up t' me t' see that these extry jobs 're done right.

Then, 'sides that, there's that new school goin' up out there where we usta have our offices 'n I find that mighty int'restin'. Gee! I never saw ennything like that goin' up before! 'N I find those big exkavatin' machines th' mos' fassinatin' things I ever hope t' see. Pal's Boss tried t' run one th' day they broke ground 'n he dug th' furst shuvvel full. Boy, he took a divvut that'd make a goffer jealous!

' ' '

Well, they cum 'n got th' edditur — no, not th' F.B.I., the Gypsies. Th' ol' fella sed it's a vakashun. Yep, he 'n Carolyn — his wife — karefully pakt their luggage inta th' trunk uv th' new regimental blue job, had th' guverner remooved from th' moter 'n startud off t' see th' cherry blossoms 'n Washingtun.

Then they're gonna kinda krooz along down t' Florida 'n 'round th' Carolinas 'n throo th' Smokey mountuns 'n Tennusee 'n Kentucky. Down that way all th' pretty flowers'll be in bloom 'n th' grass'll be all fresh 'n green 'n ev'rythin'll smell so sweet. Golly, I wish I c'd go along. I'm gettin' th' vakashun-bug, I guess.

If ya see a blue Dodge in amung a lotta Gypsy wagguns ask th' bald fat fella t' tell y'r fortune. But be kareful 'r he'll try 'n sell ya a subskripshun t' SOCIAL JUSTICE. He tuk a whol' trunk full uv back copies 'n a lot uv subskripshun blanks —

'N that remin's me — I wanna remind y' 'bout those renooals. If y' haven't taken care uv y'rs yet, pleese do it soon.

Well, I guess I've bothered ya long enuf. Goodbye f'r now. See y' later.

—Pete

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Abolition of tax-exempt bonds.

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Conscription of wealth as well as men in event of war.

Sanctity of human rights preferred to sanctity of property with Government's chief concern for the poor.

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Comment

The War Comes to America

ON PALM SUNDAY, April 6th, anniversary of America's entrance into World War No. 1—and now observed as Army Day—the British warship *Malaya* limped into New York harbor to drop anchor off Staten Island at 11 a.m.

The powerful British battleship had a gaping hole, 22 by 24 feet in size, about midship on her port side.

According to report, the floating fortress had been torpedoed by a German submarine in mid-Atlantic sometime around midnight on March 20th. The torpedo put one boiler out of commission and the ship listed about 5 degrees.

British tars, on leave in Times Square Sunday night, said that no one was injured in the attack; but the *New York Daily News* reported that one sailor had been brought to Staten Island with a wound in his head. The British seamen said that after the attack two airplanes carried by the *Malaya* took to the air and sunk the attacking submarine.

On Saturday, New York newspapers had received a short notice from Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy in the Roosevelt Cabinet, "requesting" that the newspapers carry no news concerning foreign ships entering the harbor of New York.

The Coast Guard on Saturday night made preparations to meet and escort the wounded battleship. All leaves for United States Coast Guardsmen were cancelled in the New York area at 9 p.m.

At 10 p.m. a group of patrol boats of the 400 class, and the cutter *Icarus*, went to Sandy Hook. Toward dawn they sailed to a point off the sea buoy marking the entrance to Ambrose Channel off the lightship. The escort was formed there and the approach to the Navy anchorage was made slowly with picket boats joining the procession.

Except for the confetti and ticker tape, or the booming of guns and the ringing of bells, the pageant was for all the world like a reception to some visiting celebrity.

The tug *Arundel* was standing by near the official U. S. anchorage.

As the big battleship stood off Staten Island there was no life noticeable on board. Around 4 p.m., however, boatloads of sailors and marines ferried over to the Coast Guard wharf on Staten Island. These sailors and marines made the trip in their own gigs, gayly flying the British Jack.

Alongside the British battleship, and screening the huge hole from the view of passengers on the Staten Island ferry, floated a scow. The extraordinary thing about this scow was that it had a superstructure making it appear like a houseboat crudely fashioned of unpainted new boards. This superstructure was built high enough to hide the hole and permit men to work behind its shield.

United States Coast Guard patrol boats circled the giant British battleship, maintaining a cordon guard to fend off Sunday's curious harbor craft.

The streets of St. Georges overlooking the anchorage were crowded with sightseers who watched the comings and goings of the patrol boats and the snappy British navy gigs. The visiting battleship was painted a gun metal color, distinctly contrasting it with the famous battleship grey of the American fleet. The British Jack hung lazily and all but furled at the stern, so that only the color of the flag was visible.

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The German government had reported last January that the *Malaya* was believed to have suffered heavy damage in an attack on a British convoy in the Mediterranean. That damage must have been unimportant, for the *Malaya* took part in the more recent attack on Genoa.

When torpedoed the *Malaya* was bound for Gibraltar; but after the attack she put about and made for New York. The *Malaya* evidently had picked up her convoy somewhere off the American coast. No doubt Churchill and American anglophiles referred to this incident when they spoke of a German raider operating in this hemisphere.

Canadian radio stations picked up reports from two freighters in that convoy to the effect that they were being shelled by an unidentified sea raider.

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Authority for the repair and refueling and reprovisioning of British battleships was granted to the President by Congress under the provisions of the *Lease-Lend Act*.

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In Washington on Monday, Secretary Knox said:

"I wish to commend the action of the press associations, newspaper, broadcasting companies, and photographic agencies who have co-operated at my request in not reporting the arrival of a British warship in this country . . . It is true that many people can see these ships as they arrive and depart and before they are swallowed up in Navy yards. It is also true that enemy agents can report these movements; but it seems to me only sportsmanlike that the keen American press refrain from giving a report of these ships for the benefit of Britain's enemies.

". . . Since the United States has promised to give all aid to Great Britain, so far as repairs are concerned, it seems to me that it is our patriotic duty to keep such information about British war vessels to a minimum."

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To which the *New York Daily News* replied in an editor's note:

"The *News* obviously comes under Knox' disapproval because it printed a story and pictures," the statement says.

"The *News* did this," the statement says, because the arrival of the warship "was newsworthy and because it was no secret."

As to the Navy Department's attitude on information of this kind the statement added:

"Under the present setup, the decision on whether to print or not to print such a story is left to the individual judgment of each newspaper. This is bound to result in dissatisfaction and ill will, because if the individual judgment of a newspaper is deemed bad, that newspaper is immediately left open to criticism.

"The *News* therefore respectfully suggests to the Government that it put into effect an official censorship; that it issue definite orders, not requests, as to what may be printed and what may not."

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And the *News*' Chicago journalistic kinsman, the *Tribune*, commented:

"There is nothing in '*Pinafore*' to match in absurdity this conduct of our naval officials . . . If there had been any reason for secrecy, why were landing parties allowed to roam all over Broadway?

"Why was this ship brought to a conspicuous anchorage in the most conspicuous harbor in the United States?

"Why wasn't it taken to Newport News, where something less than 7-million pairs of eyes might have seen it?

"Why, if there was some reason for preferring New York, wasn't the *Malaya* slipped into the Brooklyn Navy Yard by night?

"No answers have been offered."

The reader may write his own answer; we have several of them, but you know them already.

Comment

75 Fight for Peace

IN CASE you thought that Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, outspoken leader for peace, is in any sense a "lone oppositionist," you are reminded that after the passage of the *Lease-Lend Bill* no fewer than 75 members of both Houses of Congress came out to a night conference in the rain, without their supper, to pledge their support to a nation-wide peace drive.

Senator Wheeler last week announced the appointment of an 11-man "executive committee" to plan the drive, which consists of mass meetings to be addressed by the fighting 75, in a last ditch battle to prevent the Administration in Washington from "taking the few remaining steps that will lead this country to actual participation in war."

Speaking at a Detroit rally sponsored by a local unit of the America First Committee, Mr. Wheeler said:

"We are not at war and we won't be either next week or next year if you, the people of America, insist that we remain at peace.

"Tell your President, your Senators and your Congressman in unmistakable terms that we will not enter a foreign war," said the Montana Senator.

"I am here to ask you to save your sons from the slaughtering pens of Europe, Africa and Asia by keeping the United States out of a foreign war," Wheeler said.

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"We began the march to war many months ago," he charged. "In 1939 we repealed the *Arms Embargo Act* and began selling munitions to all nations, democracy and dictatorship alike. Now we are giving them away to some nations and selling them to the dictatorship nations.

"When we repealed the *Embargo Act* we were on the road to war. In less than a year we passed the *Conscription Act*, rushed through Congress with scarcely time for debate.

"Three months ago we took the third step, the *Lend-Lease Bill* was enacted. As each step towards war was taken the warmakers become more brazen. The American people were being softened for the last and final step. And that step is convoys.

"The *Lend-Lease Bill* does not authorize convoys. Under the law the President may have the *power* to send convoys, but he does not have the *right* to send convoys, or the right to plunge this nation into war.

"Today the warmakers are advocating convoys because they know that such a course means war.

"Everything has been done and is being done by this Administration to create an incident to excite the American people to war," the speaker charged.

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"I admire the English people. I admire their complete devotion and unbounded loyalty to the Union Jack. The English are not interested in the French, the Greeks or the Chinese — except as they serve the British cause. Great Britain officially recognized Italian conquest of Ethiopia and Fascist aggression in Albania was officially accepted by Number 10 Downing Street.

"Why, Mr. Churchill emerging from a conference with the Italian dictator in 1927 said: Remember these are Winston Churchill's words: 'If I were an Italian, I would be a Fascist.'

"And did England fight when Hitler marched into the Ruhr? Into Austria? Or into Czechoslovakia? No. The British had no fight with Naziism then. But when the tail of the British lion was twisted — they went to war. They began a so-called crusade against aggressor nations, a crusade to save democracy."

"I wish the Americans were as pro-American as the British are pro-British. I beg of you, I plead with you, be Americans and as such unite for peace. Save your sons and your form of government.

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"On September 21, 1939 — after the present war had begun, President Roosevelt said: 'This Government clearly and definitely will insist that American ships keep away from the immediate perils of the actual zones of conflict.'

"Now the President is considering sending American ships through areas which he himself has officially proclaimed the actual zones of conflict, and I venture the prophecy that when our ships are sent through these zones, when American boys go to watery graves in the Gulf of Aden it will be in the name of peace.

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"We would rise as one to defend and to hurl back an invader and by the same token we willingly pay, pay and pay taxes for the defense of this Republic.

"But are we prepared to spend our tax dollars for the defense of Salonika or Singapore? Are we prepared to pay taxes to establish the four freedoms in Hong Kong — in Berlin — in Rome — in Dong Dang — in Moscow — and in Yugoslavia, Turkey, Arabia and Ethiopia?

"A *Lend-Lease Bill*, an alien concentration camp bill, an anti-strike bill, a wiretapping bill, these are the vehicles of a one-man government that will lead to tears and chains for the minorities in our land.

"Today, the betrayal; tomorrow, the crucifixion."

Let Them Be Taxed!

"HEATED debates on the taxation of income from Government securities have been heard in this country for nearly a quarter of a century," says an editorial in the *Washington Post*.

"When the Senate passed a bill eliminating the tax-exempt privilege as to future Federal issues, however, there was not a dissenting vote. The fact is the more remarkable since the Senate, following the example of the House, at the same time approved a $12-billion increase in the national debt limit.

"Thus Congress is courageously imposing taxes on interest from its own bonds while plans are being laid to borrow additional billions for defense.

"If the same good judgment had been exercised at the beginning of World War 1, the country would not now have outstanding more than $70-billion in Federal, State and local securities wholly or partly tax exempt."

Wanted: Leadership

UNDER THE caption, "Wanted, a Webster," the *Boston Post* observes editorially:

"The greatest weakness of the forces opposed to American entry into this war is the type of leadership yet displayed.

"It is almost as if the American people are to be betrayed because of lack of talent. All the golden oratory and quick wit appears to be in the war group.

"For example, there is Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

"He has risen to the forefront of the opposition. He is sincere and he certainly has a popular cause. But he is slow and mastodonic in his radio addresses. He simply does not possess the power to rouse people to their danger.

"Colonel Lindbergh has no record of public service. He has given the people the impression that he is a rather cold-blooded and unsympathetic man. He hasn't acquired the common touch and probably never will. His appeal is only to reason, and it lacks punch.

"Senator Johnson of California is a 'has-been.' He was in his prime during the last World War. Senator Norris is also in his declining years.

"There does not appear to be one man who can stand up on his feet in the United States Senate and raise the torch of independence to light our way out of the encircling gloom of war.

"No man is available to speak to the nation in its hour of need, to crystallize public opinion, or to form an opposition to involvement.

"This is more remarkable when we consider that *more than 80 per cent of the people of the land are utterly opposed to war.*

"The polls show this and the casual opinion of the people on the street and in the homes is that we do not want war, we have no vital stake in this war, but are going into it with a hopeless spirit, like sheep following a bell-wether.

"Sometimes in hours of crisis the feelings and the instincts of the common man are worth far more than the deductions of the intelligentsia, the society folk and the humanitarians.

"What this country apparently needs is a man of the people, a man of intellectual and moral strength, with a keen mind and a large share of that mystical quality called leadership, to voice the great demand of the nation — 'Keep us out of war!'

"We need a Webster," the editorial concludes.

This is all very true, no doubt, but what do we do about listening to our "Websters" when we have them?

The American people have been *TOLD* the truth often enough, all through their long history. They have preferred to listen to the fine phrases and oily promises of double-crossing politicians; and — most probably — they will continue to do so. They must not squeal too plaintively when their own choice of leadership fails them from time to time.

Preachers of truth are not enough; we must have *doers of the Word* as well as the preachment.

Webster, we recall, had "followers."

No More Pussyfooting

Is 'Social Justice' Anti-Semitic?

THE WORD "anti-Semitic," which has a specific, primary dictionary meaning, is rarely used correctly; most times it is used incorrectly, or in a *secondary* or *tertiary* sense.

Colloquial, or common use of the word, seems to emphasize its secondary or tertiary dictionary meaning with the result that the primary dictionary meaning nowadays is, more or less, obsoleted.

For clarification, let us quote Funk and Wagnall's *"New Standard Dictionary of the English Language,"* and accept its definitions which, substantially, are also the definitions of most other reputable dictionaries.

The word "Semite" is defined as "one of the Semitic race." It is derived from the word *"Sem" or "Shem,"* the name given to the eldest son of Noah.

The primary dictionary definition of the word "Semitic" is: "Of or pertaining to the real or reputed descendants of Shem (Sem); specifically, denoting the Southwestern Asiatic stock and race of Caucasic or Mediterranean type of mankind, including Assyrians, Arameans, Hebraeo-Phoenicians, Arabs, and Abyssinians."

In nowise is SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine anti-Semitic in the sense that it is opposed to, or hostile to the Semitic race — a race composed of many peoples besides the Jews.

SOCIAL JUSTICE is opposed to no race, because its publishers and editors maintain that all races are the creatures of God and no race can be excluded morally from the comprehension or extension of charity.

SOCIAL JUSTICE, we repeat, recognizes that besides the Jews there are classified in the Semite race Samaritans, Carthagenians, Arabians, Assyrians, Arameans and Abyssinians.

Be it re-emphasized, the Jewish race is only one of the divisions of the Semitic race.

The word "Semitism," in its secondary meaning, is defined as: "Semitic practices, opinions, or customs collectively; used especially of the Jews."

In its tertiary, or third meaning, it is defined as: "Jewish politics, or Jewish influence in the State or in society."

In the third meaning, SOCIAL JUSTICE *is definitely "anti-Semitic"* — and always will be — because we abhor Jewish influences in politics, Jewish influences in the State and Jewish influences in society.

Why this abhorence?

The answer is plain. It is this: Because we approve of and we support Christian influences in politics, in the State and in society — Christian influences which are established upon the fundamental point of Jesus Christ's divinity and the divinity of His teachings.

And this fundamental point is not only denied by but is *opposed* by Jews.

Note carefully that we are not anti-Semitic, insofar as we are not opposed to the Jew because of his religion, as if religion were a separated, isolated part of Jewish influence.

As a matter of fact, the majority of racial Jews in the United States — and this is testified to by Jewish authors — is non-religious in the sense that this majority does not practice the religion of its forefathers.

Without attempting to enter into specifics in this comment, we content ourselves with setting down plainly and without fear or favor, the above definition of our position.

We invite comments from both Jews and Gentiles, Christians and non-Christians.

In conclusion, we remind our readers that a Jew can be a Christian, but a Christian cannot be a Jew.

And, we re-emphasize that we are not anti-Semitic in the primary, philosophical, theological definition of the word Semite or Semitic.

Is that clear?

Who Wants Communism?

THE *Jewish Examiner,* editorially, lets a Brooklyn black cat out of the bag (Feb. 21) when it says:

"Stalin is a hater of democracy, as he is a destroyer of Communism and the Communist ideal itself; he is every bit the implacable foe of civilization that Hitler is. When the Nazi regime falls, Stalin's will not be far behind."

Thus, according to this Jewish editor, Stalin is anti-Communist; Stalin is the destroyer of Communism, its ideals and objectives.

All of which brings us to the pointed question: "Who then are the preservers of Communism, its ideals and objectives?"

That question can be answered by the Jews responsible for the editorial from which we quoted.

Jews Do Not Want Lent

THE *B'nai B'rith Messenger* (April 4) front pages an article by Al Segal which is nothing more than an attack on Mr. Coughlin — and all about this lent business.

Columnist Segal is careful not to say "Father Coughlin."

And Father Coughlin's father, who is 77 years old, is much too old to engage in any comment writing.

Whom Al Segal means, therefore, by his dirty attack on "Mr. Coughlin" is not known.

But the gist of his article is to infer that Jews want Christians to hold fast to lent.

The gist of his article is to infer that Jews never did say that they wanted Christians to abandon lent.

The gist of his article is to infer that SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine was hay-wire when it reprinted articles appearing in reputable Jewish magazines — which openly said there could be no real fraternity between Christians and Jews until Christians abandoned lent.

If Mr. Segal were factual and fair to his own readers he would contact the Jewish magazines which printed the articles advocating the abandonment of lent by Christians.

But because he is not fair; because he never will be fair; and because he belongs to a tribe who are notorious for the specimen of presentation which characterizes Al Segal's article in the *B'nai B'rith Messenger* of April 4th, he is one who is inviting the repercussions which will fall upon the heads of the said tribe as surely in America as they always have elsewhere.

If Mr. Segal cares to find out on what thin ice he and his tribe are treading, let him get a record of Arthur Krock's recent telephone conversation with an important man in Government.

Arthur Krock knows. Segal and the *B'nai B'rith Messenger* are as dumb as were the Jews who tried to buy Germany at a dime on the dollar.

Incidentally, Henry Monsky was re-elected national president of the *B'nai B'rith.*

At the national triennial convention the program of "all aid for the British civil population" was heartily endorsed and the members of B'nai B'rith were asked "to continue and amplify their support of and response to this appeal."

We are just wondering what that word *"amplify"* means. It could not mean going further than the $7-billion — equivalent to a seven years' wheat crop.

It could not mean *union now.*

Or could it?

Henry Wallace

VICE PRESIDENT Henry Wallace — twenty-one years behind the times — recently said that it is our war aim to "make the world safe for democracy."

It seems that Henry Wallace not only has been dabbling in an astrological hobby. According to the Washington reports, it appears that he has also been consulting a clairvoyant.

Possibly, the clairvoyant could live in Chicago.

Possibly, her name could begin with the letter "V."

And, possibly, there could have been an exchange of letters between the prophetic vice president, and others; letters which, possibly, could have been purchased by a certain Mr. "B" for — let us say — a sum of $25,000.

So goes the Washington gossip about the way of astrologists and clairvoyants!

Nice going, V. P.!

We certainly are all out to make this world safe for democracy — *Christian democracy!*

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Burton K. Wheeler

SENATOR Burton K. Wheeler bids fair to become the new political Aaron who will lead this country out of the desert into the Promised Land.

Yes, we had a political Moses who rescued us from the Egyptians. True, he led us across the Red Sea.

But something happened to Moses, impeding his progress to the Promised Land.

His followers, the refugees, while he was absent, succeeded in nationalizing a great portion of the appropriated gold.

This appropriated gold was melted into the form of a golden calf, before which they knelt in adoration.

So, history does repeat. Another band of refugees built themselves a golden calf in these United States, making all things subservient to it — our homes, farms, factories, bank deposits, prosperity and peace.

Thus, we wander in the desert land, isolated from civilization.

And our Moses — the American political Moses — will never succeed in leading us into the Promised Land because he is too friendly with the "golden calfites."

We recall for you that it was Aaron who eventually led the repentant people out of the desert into the Promised Land.

Burton K. Wheeler, the courageous Senator from Montana, we repeat, bids fair to became the new Aaron to deliver us from the Desert of Confusion into the Promised Land of Peace.

One cannot but admire the courageous Democrat who speaks so forthrightly at *"America First"* meetings for the sole purpose of arousing our people to the point where they will rebel rather than permit themselves to be led into a foreign war which is not their war — a war of adoration for the golden calf.

They will rebel against the war-mongers to help President Roosevelt keep his word!

Around the name of Burton K. Wheeler is a halo of fame, gained in the days of the World Court fight, the Court-packing fight and other momentous battles.

The people of America recognize that he is for labor, agriculture, private propertyship, constitutional government, states' rights, small business men and Christian democracy.

The people of America recognize that he is the foe of wealth concentrators, mammoth monopolies and international gold-mongers.

And, finally, the people of America recognize that he never exploited his high position to gain a colored dollar.

Now that the Republican Party is senile, punch-drunk and prostrate, it might be well for the Republicans of this nation, together with the constitutional Democrats, to rally around Burton K. Wheeler and the *"America First"* patriots to enable them to lead us into the Promised Land.

Back to the *Ten Commandments!*

Back to the *Constitution!*

Back to Christian ideals and practices!

The meetings of the *"America First"* Committee, at which Mr. Wheeler spoke in Cleveland and Detroit, indicate the growth of a movement which is destined to free America from the hands of the "golden calfites."

Censorship

THE British battleship, *Malaya,* steamed into New York harbor on Palm Sunday.

This 35,000 ton war monster had a hole of great dimensions ripped in her side.

Secretary Knox — his "mind made up" — was more than reluctant to have newspapers print the story about the *Malaya.*

Several newspapers, recognizing that no censorship has been imposed upon us officially, defied Secretary Knox's "suggestion" — and told what they knew about the submarine incident.

There is a form of censorship — a moral censorship — imposed upon editors these days.

For example, *the full news of the Ford River Rouge strike was not printed.*

The deaths resultant from mob violence were not officially listed.

That is censorship.

Even worse than Col. Knox's request censorship, is the outrageous fact that the Gilbert and Sullivan antics of our navy secretariat are at the request of the British Empire!

For it is really the British who do not want Americans to know what is going on in their own Government. Administration officials, more British than American, leap to comply with the wishes of our British "cousins."

According to Secretary Knox, we are not actually engaged in war; and we are not impeded by any official censorship.

Nevertheless, censorship is here, and so is a war here — in new forms.

Early in the conflict somebody called this a "phoney" war. It certainly is.

Now certain writers are hinting that Britain is "undermanned"; the first overtures that Americans will soon be needed.

With the manpower of a vast empire to draw upon, does this mean that we are to become more British than her own Dominions? Or, are some of the Dominions not so whole heartedly in favor of Britain's "phoney" war?

The Pewter Standard

DESPITE high sounding proclamations that we are engaged in this war for the salvation of democracy, practically every person knows that we have thrown our wealth and genius into it for the salvation of international capitalism which, in the vocabulary of the initiated, is translated by "democracy."

And this international capitalism is concretely represented by the gold hoard buried at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

America was not always on the gold standard.

In 1776 it was on the pewter standard — very probably, according to the authors of *"Pictorial History of England,"* an accredited and voluminous work by George L. Craik and Charles MacFarlane.

Therein, also, we find imprinted on page 688, vol. I, the picture of the first coined money issued by the United States of America.

The upper face of the coin reads *"Continental Currency 1776."* On this same upper face there is impressed a facsimile of the sun shining on a dial under which are inscribed the words *"Mind Your Business!"*

On the reverse side of the coin there is impressed a representation of the thirteen links representing the thirteen original Colonies.

And in the middle of the links there is the inscription *"We Are One."*

The coin is approximately 1½ inches in diameter.

It is a long way from the pewter standard to the gold standard.

It is a long way from the hardy, moral nationalism of our ancestors to the crude internationalism which we espouse.

And that original coin of 1776 dared to express a national and international policy of *"Mind Your Business."*

Today, we are minding every other people's business, careless of our own.

Comment

Words About War

War Cries Roll Up

As THE powerful Nazi juggernaut rolled inexorably through the Balkans, crushing Allied resistance and threatening the British Expeditionary Force with another tragic Dunkirk, the trend toward American involvement in the conflict rolled on unabated.

Reflecting that trend most pointedly was the *Army and Navy Register*, a privately-owned publication circulated among the nation's fighting forces.

The *Register*, according to Paul Mallon, King Features Syndicate columnist, calls for an outright declaration of war against Germany.

Mr. Mallon attached considerable significance to the periodical's blunt proposal since the paper, as he expressed it, is "officially flavored," despite its private ownership.

Public sentiment for war is "in the majority," the *Register* declared, branding the desire to avoid embroilment in the European holocaust as a "product of the pacifist-ridden 1920's."

How much support this bold position commands among high Administration officials and advisers likely will be determined by events of the next few weeks or days.

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Meanwhile, developments in Government policy and statements of responsible authorities indicate clearly what Americans may expect as the war continues.

Actual military and naval participation by the United States in Great Britain's battle to save its empire. That is the unmistakable tendency of present events and official sentiment.

Supplementing all the unneutral actions taken previously, the Administration now has authorized the dispatch of American supplies to the British by sending United States merchant ships across the South Atlantic, around the southern tip of Africa and up the Indian Ocean into the Red Sea. There, supplies are to be unloaded and transported by the British across the Mediterranean into the Balkans where the British hope to repulse the Germans and, eventually, launch a victorious offensive.

This plan, according to reports, is contingent upon complete British control of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden areas off East Africa.

Now what will happen if prowling German raiders should sink these African-bound American vessels? Experience of the World War indicates that nothing would put the United States into war quicker.

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While the President was contemplating this latest move to relieve Britain's distress, the question of furnishing American naval convoys for British supply ships occupied the attention of Congress.

In debate with Senator Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire, Administration Leader Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky apparently tipped the Government's hand by denying that convoys necessarily mean war.

Although asserting that he was not "defending convoys," Barkley said the "use of convoys doesn't mean shooting — *unless somebody shoots at the convoys!*"

The President has publicly stated that convoys do mean war. Observers wondered whether Barkley's statement, since he is so close to the President, signified another change in the Chief Executive's attitude.

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, ardent New Dealer and interventionist, told the Senate he did not favor convoys "at this time," leaving a clear implication that he might advocate them later.

It was reported also that Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, had switched his previously expressed opposition to employing American naval ships in British aid.

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From other high sources came further clamor for increased help to Britain and a more aggressive policy toward Germany.

Emory S. Land, chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, intimated in a radio speech that America should plunge into Britain's war with all its resources.

He said there was no purpose in giving England more ships if we do not prevent them from being sunk.

We must "put out the fire" that is engulfing Britain's shipping, he declared. "In the field of shipping aid to Britain there is a huge bonfire burning — the submarine menace. If we base our shipping aid to Britain solely on supplying her with more and more ships we are merely adding more fuel to the fire. Are there not a number of ways of solving this problem by attempting to put out the fire?

"The best way to lick the submarine menace is to get at it at the source; that is, *to bomb the enemy ship-building plants.* The next best is probably to bomb the repair and rest stations where the submarines go when not at sea."

We do not believe Chairman Land knew how good that idea is. In view of his belligerency we doubt if he does. In this war Germany's submarines are coming off a production line, instead of being laid down on ship ways as in former wars. The plant that turns them out was *built by British capital; is owned by British capital; and its profits still accrue to its British owners.*

And the R.A.F. would no more dare bomb this German-held British-owned plant than our World War boys dared take the Briey basin!

The plant — if the R.A.F. doesn't know it — is in Amsterdam. Our staff scans the war bulletins every time they come in. They tell how the R.A.F. has set fire to Berlin, Hamburg, this or that port in France, but not one word about British bombs dropped on Germany's source of supply, the British-owned "sub" plant in Amsterdam. But, of course, the war's young yet.

Although Chairman Land was not candid enough to call for a declaration of war, his recommendations leave little doubt that he meant just that.

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Coincident with Land's belligerent blast Vice President Henry Wallace drew a deep breath of war air and boomed that the United States is ready to fight.

Wallace expressed the hope and belief that America will stay out of war, but warned, "ruthless, treaty-breaking nations . . . that the American people are ready to go to war if their rights are transgressed at any vital points."

These "rights," so sacred and inviolable to Mr. Wallace, include the right to interfere in the affairs of Europe by aiding the alleged democracies "to the limit with planes, ships, munitions and food."

Strange new "rights" are these which America must fight to defend.

Strange also are the Vice President's mental processes which prompt him, apparently, to welcome the present state of world affairs because *it affords the United States "her second opportunity to make the world safe for democracy."*

God help America if such statesmanship is to decide the fate of the nation!

Wendell Willkie Speaking

IF YOU have a good memory, you will recollect that a person by the name of Wendell Willkie sought to be elected to the presidency of the United States some months ago. During his campaign — on October 30th — he said: "On the basis of his (Roosevelt's) past performance with pledges to the people you may expect we will be at war by April, 1941, if he is elected."

Paralleling Mr. Willkie's statement, we may say that on the basis of his past performance since January, Mr. Willkie's prediction about war will be fulfilled.

Why?

Because Wendell Willkie has proven to be nothing more than Franklin Roosevelt's shadow.

Because Wendell Willkie is more pro-British than is Mr. Roosevelt, just as a shadow is sometimes longer than its substance.

Because Wendell Willkie has permitted himself to be used as a recording device for the Washington and New York warmongers.

In our opinion, Wendell Willkie knew what he was talking about when he predicted the date of April, 1941.

Let right-minded Americans classify Wendell Willkie with the New Dealers, most of whom will tumble into disrepute when British arms are beaten in defeat.

Willkie is the type of man who will try to make an "act of contrition"; who will try to get in right again with the American people.

Classify him where he belongs — with the war-mongers who brought about this war out of a spirit of revenge — warmongers who are willing *to destroy the entire world to get even with Hitler for a racial persecution* which they attributed to him, not one-tenth as barbarous as the persecution the British poured upon the Irish!

Not once in the history of this country, or any other country, have the Irish racialists attempted to stir up civilization against Great Britain.

Comment

What They Said Then

IT SHOULD be a matter of considerable interest at this time to determine as far as possible to what extent the people may credit with sincerity and patriotism the majority of Congress who voted for the so-called *Lease-Lend Bill,* after taking into consideration how far they have moved mentally towards war since the repeal of the *Arms Embargo* in 1939.

We quote from the *Congressional Record* what certain Senators who voted for the *Lease-Lend Bill* in March, 1941, said in October, 1939:

Charles Andrews, Florida: "By this time we should learn that it is not the duty of America to try to bring about the moral reformation of the world, particularly when we find that nearly half the civilized world resents it."

Josiah W. Bailey, North Carolina: "We are not going to get into this war. *It is a European war. It is not our war* . . . If we were to get into it I should think we were the greatest pack of fools history ever recorded."

Warren Barbour, New Jersey: "We ought to know by this time — and I think we do — that we cannot change the habits of the Old World, which has been going to war since before the dawn of recorded history over much the same causes."

Alben W. Barkley, Kentucky: "So far as I am concerned, Mr. President, I am not interested in what England wants or does not want, or what Hitler wants or does not want . . ."

Ralph Brewster (then Representative from Maine): "There is general agreement now we were drawn into the last war . . . Our self-interest was aroused by large credits to the Allies and the possibility of their loss."

Prentiss W. Brown, Michigan: "We could take care of ourselves if Germany should destroy or capture the British fleet . . ."

Albert W. Chandler, Kentucky: "I will never vote, as a member of the Senate, to send the boys of America to fight anybody's European war."

Tom Connolly, Texas: "Why are we enacting this legislation? . . . It is to keep us out of war . . . We are telling American shipping interests 'You cannot go to nations at war.' The purpose is to be absolutely fair and impartial between the parties. We are not making war on Hitler."

Sheridan Downey, California: "We cannot have a divine mission to select nations and arm them to destroy their victims because God has given to none of us the intellectual capacity to dispense such Olympian justice among the ever quarreling tribes of Europe and Asia."

Walter F. George, Georgia: "Although credit was not extended directly by the munition makers, it was one of the chief vices of the 1914, 1915 and 1916 period that credit was extended in the United States for arms, munitions and war supplies . . . I know of no power in the history of the world that so exhausted its ingenuity as we have . . . to prevent the building up of war economy, at least on a credit basis, which was the vice of conditions which arose in the United States between 1914 and 1916, inclusive."

Scott W. Lucas, Illinois: "The senior Senator from Illinois will never vote a dime to send American boys across the ocean to pull the chestnuts of some other nation out of the international fire."

Charles L. McNary, Oregon: "The wise thing is to prevent the incidents which force on us the duty of making such a terrifying decision."

John H. Overton, Louisiana: "The cry will be 'We will fight the Germans where the Germans are, on the battlefields of Europe.' I do not want the United States to take that chance."

Elbert D. Thomas, Utah: "I am opposed to give credit to any country on earth for war purposes. Is that plain? . . . The wars of foreign nations should be financed by foreign nations."

Elmer Thomas, Oklahoma: "We are not obligated to either adjust or act as an arbiter in the adjustment of the partition fences in the back yards of either Europe or of any other nation on earth."

Robert F. Wagner, New York: "There are not likely to be any great war purchases in this country."

Yet, these are the very men who voted for *1776.*

How would they vote on naval convoys to protect delivery of British aid?

How will they vote on war when our convoys are attacked?

Ship Seizure Gamble on War

ALTHOUGH the Government's seizure of sabotaged Axis ships in American harbors is justified under the 1917 *Espionage Act,* transfer of the seized vessels to Great Britain would constitute a belligerent action — one more step in the Administration's seemingly deliberate course toward provoking war.

It must be remembered that the statute of June 15, 1917, cited by the State Department as authority for the ship seizure, was originally intended to safeguard American neutrality.

Though enacted after the United States had entered the World War, the bill was designed as a peace measure, introduced some six months before this country became a belligerent. Its purpose was to protect American docks and harbor property.

Congress delayed action on the 1917 bill because it was feared that the Central Powers might "use it as a pretext for declaring war on the United States." After America's own war declaration, of course, there no longer remained any such excuse for hesitancy.

During the early days of the World War, when it became evident that Italy was bolting the Triple Entente and intended to enter the war on the side of the Allies, Italy seized German ships in her harbors.

Ships of the Central Powers were seized in ports and harbors of many nations that had decided to cast their lot with the Allies.

Even Spain and Portugal, who remained neutral throughout the war, seized ships of the Central Powers and used them in their own commerce with both sides of the warring countries.

The Scandinavian nations did likewise. Germany, at that time, did not protest the seizures, for they were recognized as legal under international law, especially for nations fighting with the Allies.

On February 1, 1917, the German steamship *Liebensfel* was sunk by her captain at Charleston, South Carolina.

On February 7, 1917, Captain Polack of the *Kronprinzessin Cecilie,* anchored in Boston harbor, testified to the United States attorney at Boston that he had been "instructed by his government to wreck the machinery of his ship."

Thus the United States had evidence that the Imperial German government had ordered sabotage which would endanger docks, ships and harbor facilities and which, in effect, made the crews of the damaged ships *saboteurs.*

In the recent seizures similar evidence was in the hands of United States officials, who proceeded not only to take the vessels into custody but also to prosecute crew members under the *Espionage Act.*

Persons who fear that present events are duplicating those of 1917, which led to America's participation in war, see in the ship seizures merely another confirmation of their convictions.

If the vessels are turned over to Great Britain, those fears certainly would be warranted. Apparently, many Administration officials are of the same belief, for there is considerable difference of opinion in Government circles as to the disposition of the ships.

Since confiscation of the vessels was first contemplated, months ago, only a few members of the State Department favored transferring the seized tonnage to England.

Secretary Hull and a majority of his aides approved the seizures but balked on the proposal of transfering the vessels.

Secretary Hull's objections reportedly stymied a Treasury Department *clique* who sought to put over such a deal some weeks ago.

Most of the confiscated ships are owned and operated by private shipping companies in the Axis nations. Thus the United States could force the owners to sell the ships to this Government, who would then sell them, or otherwise dispose of them to Britain.

Treasury Department counsellors, however, point out that the captains and crews of the Axis ships committed their acts of sabotage under direct orders of their respective governments, and therefore acted as agents of the Axis powers. For all practical purposes then, the ships were under the operation and ownership of the Axis governments.

In that case, it is argued, the Administration could with justice ignore the rights of the private ship owners. And thus, say the Treasury's legal experts, the United States has no responsibility or obligation to buy the ships.

Further, it is pointed out, the ships could be seized by the Government in payment of defaulted war debts. The German-Austrian indebtedness is more than $26-million, excluding the amount owed the United States by Germany for expenses of the American army of occupation and the awards under the amended *Settlement of War Claims Act* of 1928.

The indebtedness of Italy is more than $2-billion. Hence, complete, permanent

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confiscation of Italy's ships could be classified as a token payment on that huge debt, these advisers say.

Proponents of the transfer plan argue that the Axis already has sufficient cause for declaring war on the United States and will so do whenever it sees fit despite any action taken by this country.

That was the line of reasoning employed in selling Congress and the public on the *Lease-Lend Bill* and in advocating the use of American naval convoys for British supply ships.

Aside from all other considerations — chiefly the folly of American intervention in the European war — that reasoning is unsound because it commits the United States to a "bully" attitude at a time when we are wholly unprepared to enforce such a stand.

It is a gigantic gamble on war when America is not ready for war.

U. S. Frees Red Spy

THROUGH the intercession of the State Department and the United States Attorney General, Mikhail Nicholas Gorin, convicted of espionage in a United States Federal court in 1939, and sentenced to six years' imprisonment, is en route to his native Soviet Russia a free man.

This appears to be merely another instance of "appeasing" the godless Soviet while prosecuting undeclared war on Nazi Germany.

Former head of Intourist, Inc., a Soviet front "travel agency," Gorin was found guilty of conspiring to obtain confidential information regarding operations of the United States fleet on the West Coast.

His conviction was upheld by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and, last January, by the United States Supreme Court. While the court appeals were pending, Gorin remained at liberty on a $50,000 bond posted by the Soviet government.

Despite the decision of the highest court, administration authorities recently ordered a Federal district judge in Los Angeles to grant probation — i. e., freedom — to the convicted Soviet spy on condition that he leave the country immediately "never to return."

The Federal court, of course, complied.

Gorin's only penalty was a $10,000 fine assessed in the original conviction and court costs amounting to $1,414. These were deducted from the $50,000 bond posted for him by the Soviet government.

Declaring in court that he had opposed granting Gorin's petition for probation when it was filed, Judge Ralph E. Jenney revealed that Administration officials had *applied pressure on him* in favor of the motion.

"I have before me," the jurist said, "communications from the Attorney General, in which it is stated that both the Attorney General's office and the State Department are very anxious to have this matter disposed of immediately—in such a way that the defendant Gorin may leave today on a boat for Russia.

"I have also before me a communication from Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles, in which he states that, *'in view of certain important considerations of international nature*, it is the considered opinion of the State Department that *it would be to the public interest of the United States for Mr. Gorin to be released on probation* on condition that he leave the United States immediately and never return'."

Judge Jenney said he could not reveal details of the reasons given by the Administration for freeing Gorin, but said that he considered them "sufficient."

Mr. Quill "in the Left Lane"

UNDER the above caption the *New York Times* comments editorially as follows:

"A magistrate in Traffic Court imposed a small fine last Tuesday on President Michael J. Quill of the Transport Workers Union for violating the rules of the road on Riverside Drive. Mr. Quill was not in court, but Magistrate Thomas Aurelio sent this message to him: 'Tell Mr. Quill to stay on the right side of the street.'

"This incident is not raked up to discredit Mr. Quill. Many a good man and true violates the traffic ordinances and pays two dollars or so as a penalty. But the magistrate's excellent advice has a wider meaning. Mr. Quill was driving on the wrong side of the road when he prolonged a costly bus strike which might easily have been settled a week earlier than it was. He is driving on the wrong side of the road when he threatens this city with a subway strike.

"Mr. Quill organized the transport workers when the IRT and the BMT were still under private management. He had every right to do this. A year ago, facing city ownership of all the subway lines, he prepared to call his men out if the city did not agree to take over existing union contracts with the private companies. He had no more legal or moral right to do this than he would have to organize the firemen and policemen and induce them to strike against the city.

"The Mayor or the Board of Transportation, or both together, cannot guarantee the main thing Quill demands — a closed shop.

"The fact is — and it ought to have been faced a year ago — that a closed shop and a fighting union cannot exist in the public service.

"A strike in private industry is a test of strength. There can be no such test between a minority employed in a publicly owned utility and the majority — the public itself — who employ them. The public employe sacrifices some freedoms in return for security. Mr. Quill can't get around that and he can't successfully strike against it. If he calls a strike he will smash his union.

"Mayor La Guardia cannot be counted on, we are sure, to disregard the civil service law and leave the government of the City of New York at the mercy of such persons as Mr. Quill."

West Is American

DURING the War of 1812 the New England States threatened to secede.

A generation later the abolitionists of New England were demanding the break-up of the Union to free themselves from association with slavery. They called the *Constitution* "a covenant with hell."

South Carolina voted for secession in Jackson's day and later led the attempt of the Southern States to break up the Union.

During the Civil War which resulted, mobs in New York City rioted against the national authority!

"There is little or nothing in the history of the Middle West to place alongside the record of rebellion and disloyalty in New England, the Middle States and the South," asserts the *Chicago Tribune*.

We believe that nothing in the *Tribune's* editorial — and certainly nothing in our quotation of it — is intended to disparage the brilliant record of patriotism in the early history of this nation, or the stalwart Americanism of our Eastern patriots at this time.

We have had plenty of lawlessness, plenty of mob action out here in the Middlewest, too.

We have seen pitched battles in industrial conflicts, and, not ten years ago, the farmers of Iowa were seeking to terrorize the courts, but the point the Chicago editor apparently desires to make is that "American nationalism and American patriotism are bred into the Western people.

"The men and women who crossed the Alleghenies and pushed westward were, or became, thoroughly nationalized," the editorial goes on.

"They entered a territory that never had been a settled colony of any European nation. They were consciously American. They forced their way west as Americans, pushing the Indians, the French, the English, the Spanish, and the Mexicans out of the promised land.

"Distinguished foreigners visiting the west in the '30s and '40s of the last century were either amused or irritated by the strident nationalism which all of them found. Today this spirit is less shrill in its manifestations but no less a characteristic of the Western mind and heart.

"Circumstances have been different in the older sections of the country. Along the seaboard the colonial attitude persisted, particularly among persons of wealth and position. Immigration tended to dilute American nationalism in the East. For one thing, a disproportionately large number of immigrants settled in the eastern cities. For another they tended to remain in more or less isolated national groups. It is true that many millions of immigrants settled in the West, but in the main they spread out more widely to the farms and smaller communities, and even in the great cities have been much more quickly absorbed into the general population.

"In consequence, the West has never felt closely tied to Europe. The West is American. It doesn't hanker for a role in the settlement of European quarrels. Its people think of America first and repudiate the suggestion that they have a primary duty to Europe. In contrast, the East is colonial and easily swayed by foreign influences and foreign aristocracies."

Comment

The Hate Factory

Miss Gish's Story

OF ALL the essential and strategic materials for the prosecution of war, hate is the most important, for without it people have no will to fight.

In the years preceding America's entrance into the World War, the Allies met the issue by *teaching America to hate the "terrible Huns."*

When this doctrine of hate had permeated every American home and every American school, the United States was plunged into the horrible conflict which the Allies' propaganda had hypocritically labeled a "war to save democracy."

The falsity of that slogan has long since been exposed. Democracy was not saved. It was not even at stake. The war was a gigantic contest between two great empires fighting for trade supremacy.

As her reward for participation America received billions of dollars of debt, thousands of broken homes, thousands of slain and maimed men and boys, and an economic upheaval from which we have never recovered.

After the war ended and the fires of hate were slowly allowed to die, most Americans realized how the nation had been deceived. They vowed never again to fall victims of such propaganda which would lure them into a foreign war.

Unquestionably, *the vast majority of Americans intend to keep that vow.* They are unalterably opposed to active participation in the present war.

But the pro-British propagandists, and their Judaic stooges both here and abroad, are busy again — as they were 25 years ago. They are determined to kindle hate for Hitler as they did for "the Kaiser."

Peace-loving, civilized Christian men look with horror on the idea of murdering strangers or being murdered by them in some foreign land for some falaciously idealistic "cause" which they do not understand, or do not agree with, even though they do understand.

So these peace-loving men must be transformed into killers by inculcating hatred in their hearts — hatred for the prospective victims of their bayonet and rifle.

How Allied propaganda succeeded in that shameful task during the World War is related by Miss Lillian Gish, one-time star of motion pictures.

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Speaking before a rally of the Chicago chapter of the America First Committee, Miss Gish confessed that she had played a prominent part in British propaganda which helped drag the United States into war.

Under the direction of D. W. Griffith, screen director, she acted in three propaganda films produced at the request of the British and French governments.

Considerably younger at the time, Miss Gish said she believed she was doing the right thing, but she now realizes her mistake.

Here is her story:

"Mr. Griffith was approached by Lloyd George, Lord Beaverbrook and the heads of the British and French propaganda departments about making films to interest Americans in fighting for them . . . and I found myself on a boat bound for France.

"We got 86,000 feet of film, with every one working for us, from the King and Queen of England to the French and British common soldiers, before we sailed for home. From this material we made three pictures.

"You may recall scenes from one called *'Hearts of the World,'* the story of an English girl who was about to be married to a French boy when the war broke out. She sees her home and mother and grandfather blown to bits before her eyes, loses her mind, goes roaming along the battlefield, hugging all that is left of her wedding veil, stumbles upon her fiance, wounded and unconscious, and she goes to sleep peacefully at his side.

"In another scene three children, left alone in a dugout with their dead mother, dig her grave and bury her without help.

"These were effective scenes, calculated to stir the emotions of Americans so they would be willing to fight and die for the Allies' cause.

"The other pictures we made were *'The Great Love,'* a story of English bravery under Zeppelin attack, and *'The Greatest Thing in Life,'* the story of an American snob who finds himself in a shell hole, holding in his arms a dying negro soldier.

"These were good stories, deeply moving. But when we ran them again a few years ago, long after the war was over, the scenes that showed the 'Huns,' as we called them, and *'The Beast of Berlin,'* as we called the Kaiser, brought only laughter . . . But now, with propagandized hysteria at its present peak, who knows but that those who laughed might take them seriously again . . .

"I remember that people asked us if it was true that the Germans cut off the hands and legs of old people and crucified children. Sir Philip Gibbs afterward admitted, in the twenties, that *such stories were sent out for propaganda purposes* — propaganda that made our people talk and think like idiots.

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"I am not proud of the part I played in spreading hatred," Miss Gish continued. "Hate is like a boomerang. It seems to me that this is the time when Americans must decide whether they love some other country better than their own. Those who do should go to that country and offer help. But those who love this country most should do something to keep it out of ruinous war, if only by sending a penny postal card of protest to their Congressmen and Senators."

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On behalf of all patriotic Americans who believe that America's first duty is to safeguard this country rather than the British Empire, SOCIAL JUSTICE thanks Miss Gish.

May her timely warning open the minds and hearts of other patriotic Americans who are being "taken" by the continuous rantings of the Winchells of radio and press, the hate-purveying propaganda of certain Hollywood producers, of the international bankers and their lackies, and of the political "quacks" seeking to push America into the war *to "destroy Hitlerism."*

America helped destroy "Kaiserism" in 1918. The result, due to the stupidity and greed of British and French politicians, co-operating with international finance, was "Hitlerism."

In the name of democracy we are again asked to destroy "the monster" — and to abolish democracy while we do it.

Majority Morality

HOW BIG must a majority be to make something wrong right?

Someone asks, "Why didn't Roosevelt seize those ships months ago?" America froze the funds of Axis-occupied countries; why not their shipping?

"Simply because American public opinion wasn't ready," says the *Christian Science Monitor* frankly. "There was no adequate recognition that the United States was *involved in the world struggle* and must take active measure to protect itself and aid those who are fighting for the free way of life. Also the need had not become so acute and visible.

"No one thought that the seizure of Axis funds would provoke war," the *Monitor* adds, "but since the first World War Americans are touchy about ships.

"Had the Axis and Danish ships been 'impounded' six months or even two months ago, there would have been cries from some Americans, 'You are intervening in the war.'

"The cries may still come," the *Monitor* concedes, "but since the passage of the *Lease-Lend Act* the *majority of Americans have become so interested in furnishing aid to Britain* — and in seeing that it gets there — that they are likely now to list the ship seizure as just one of those things that must be done to achieve the purpose agreed upon."

Now that, we aver, is neither good "Christian Science" nor very good "monitoring." It is, quite frankly, the most arrant kind of pro-British propaganda.

The *Christian Science Monitor* is factual in reporting the progress of the war spirit, but its logic is, so to speak, "lousy."

Because *Lease-Lend* is now law, therefore, the majority must now be for it; if a majority is for it, it must be okay.

What's become of our old fashioned horse-sense honesty and morality in America? The kind of morality, as Msgr. Sheen pointed out the other Sunday, that makes a man "right even if he is the only one right; and makes a thing wrong, even if everybody is wrong."

The founders of our great country, up New England way — including, we suspect, even the founders of the *Monitor* — were old fashioned in their morality. Certainly, they were out of step with this stream-lined pro-British propaganda of our day.

Behind the War

Facts About Yugoslavia

FEW PEOPLE are interested in truth any more, but for those who are it might be fitting at this time to shatter some newspaper fairy tales about the country now figuring so prominently in the news.

It is relatively easy for the war-minded press to dupe the public about Yugoslavia; probably not one American in ten thousand knew anything about this important Balkan nation until it came up against the might of Nazi power politics.

Then, suddenly, the name of Yugoslavia began to monopolize the headlines. Within two weeks newspaper readers were treated to the vision of millions of gallant, freedom-loving, even "democratic" Serbs preparing to do battle against the Nazi "monsters."

In spite of the pro-British press, Yugoslavia is not a democracy; it is not even a "good" dictatorship.

To put it bluntly, Yugoslavia since its creation in 1918 has been a totalitarian gangster in the worst sense of the term. Proportionate to its population, perhaps no nation in Europe has been the scene of more racial persecution, more mass murders and arrests and more mass terrorism.

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The rosy-hued picture painted by the propaganda press begins to fade when it is known that the Serbs are in a minority in Yugoslavia. The country has a population of 16-million, of which the Serbs make up only slightly more than 6-million.

The rest of the nation is composed of 5,250,000 Croats, 1,600,000 Slovenes and various other groups such as Germans, Magyars and Mohammedans.

Yet the Serbs, though only representing about three-eighths of Yugoslavia's population, have been the absolute rulers of the country since its beginning. Only in the middle of 1939 did they give the 5-million Croats any real representation in the government, and this not because of any sudden burst of tolerance or good-will but because increasing German power made it necessary for the country's masters to make at least a half-hearted step toward national unity.

The Serbs, however, kept full control of foreign affairs, national economy and the army. A fortnight ago they made another "generous concession" when they suddenly promoted a few Croats to the rank of captain, major and colonel. Previously, the Serb general staff, although it forced all able-bodied Croats to serve two years under the colors, had refused to allow them to become officers.

But to get a true idea of the Yugoslav situation one has to repeat a little history.

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The Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, who together are called the "South Slavs," took up their present residence back in the ninth century. For a few hundred years they were independent nations and then the Croats and Slovenes fell under the rule of the Hapsburgs while the Serbs were conquered by the Turks.

The Serbs didn't secure their independence again until 1878, when Serbia was founded by the *Treaty of Berlin.* The first shots of the World War were fired by the Austrians in their siege of the Serbian capital of Belgrade.

Meanwhile, the Croats and the Slovenes were still vassals of Austria-Hungary and though forced to fight in the World War against their racial kindred, the Serbs, they joined with them in various independence committees in Switzerland and elsewhere and won the approval of President Wilson for the formation of a South Slav republic.

Yugoslavia was actually founded by a proclamation of a South Slav convention held in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, at the close of 1918.

Although supported by the most powerful Allied statesmen in Paris, the new State immediately ran into difficulties with Italy, which had been promised territory at the expense of the South Slavs in the secret *Treaty of London* in 1915.

War was averted, however, by the sending of American troops to Fiume and Trieste and the stationing of South Slav soldiers in the districts coveted by Rome. But in the meantime the internal situation in Yugoslavia had become chaotic.

Though speaking the same language, the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes were marked by several outstanding differences. The Serbs were members of the Orthodox Greek religion; the Croats and Slovenes were Catholics.

The Croats and Slovenes, particularly the former, were regarded as far more cultured and "civilized" than their Serbian brothers who had spent long centuries under the rule of the Turks.

In their mannerisms, ethics and habits, the Croats and Slovenes were European; the Serbs on the other hand had received from the Turks many of the characteristics of the East, especially in regard to government.

Aware of this, the Croats and Slovenes had obtained from the Serbs the assurance that each minority in the new State would receive certain rights and that all would be given a proportionate share of representation in the new government.

This agreement was indorsed by the Allies and written into the *Treaty of St. Germain,* in which the Serbs promised to respect the cultural autonomy, civil rights and religion of all the inhabitants of the new Republic.

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By the time this clause had been inserted, however, it was a dead letter. Hardly a month after the new nation was born, the Serbian army marched into Croatia, set up military rule and left the Croats to whistle for their liberties.

Later, when the new Yugoslav government was installed in Belgrade, the Serbian Prince Regent Alexander became chief of state and Serbs took over all the important governmental posts. In order to obtain a clear majority in the new Parliament, Alexander filled it with "appointed" Serbian deputies who took their seats without bothering about the formality of being elected.

All this had been clearly predicted previously by Stephen Radic, the one Croat leader who had consistently cautioned against hasty union with the Serbs. Accordingly, after the Serbs had established their unofficial dictatorship, Radic's peasant party soon became the single instrument of Croatian policy.

Then during the early twenties came the terror. Radic and all the important Croat leaders were jailed, all Croat demonstrations were forbidden and any Croat who objected was either shot down or thrown in prison.

By 1928 conditions had improved somewhat. Radic was freed, and along with other Croats took his place in the National Parliament.

The era of good feeling, however, was short-lived. During a Parliamentary session in the middle of the same year, a Serbian deputy calmly pulled out a pistol and mortally wounded five Croat representatives, including Radic.

A year later Serbian high-handedness really went into high gear. Alexander, who by that time had become king, suspended all constitutional guarantees, changed the country's official name of "Yugoslavia" — up to then it had been called the "Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes" — and launched a reign of oppression and cruelty that has rarely been equalled in the annals of history.

Concentration camps were set up throughout Croatia; Croatian school books were banned; the age-old Croatian flag was forbidden to be flown in Croatian towns and villages; thousands of Croat patriots were jailed; Croat leaders were shot publicly in the streets; Croat citizens were seized and taken away from public cafes merely for reading their own newspapers.

An attempt was even made to deprive Croats of their Catholic religion by the appropriations of funds to establish a national "faith" which was to be an amalgamation of the Catholic and Orthodox Greek churches.

The mass terror continued until August 26, 1939, when in order not to throw the Croats into the hands of the Germans, Prince Paul, who was made regent after the assassination of King Alexander in France in 1934, gave Croatia a measure of autonomy and took Vladimir Matchek, Radic's successor, into the government as Vice-Premier.

The Serbs, however, have retained in their hands all of the essential powers of the State and the dictatorship has continued to the present day. It is still a prison offense to criticize the government.

In the war between Yugoslavia and Germany, the Serbs plan to deal the Croats one final blow by not even bothering to defend Croatia against the Nazis. The Yugoslav military plan calls for the surrender of the whole northwest portion of the country (Croatia and Slovenia) to the enemy.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the Croats have hesitated to support the new pro-British Yugoslav regime.

Meanwhile, the million-odd Croats in the United States — many of whom have lost friends and relatives in the Serbs terror in their homeland — are not very enthusiastic when they read that President Roosevelt has placed Yugoslavia in the ranks of the "freedom-loving" nations to be defended by our aid.

Comment

Here is What One School is Doing

MANY parochial schools throughout the country are alert to the affairs of social justice.

For example, early in March the St. Mary's High School of Mount Clemens, Michigan, conducted a spirited panel discussion on the topic *"Who Owns the World?"*

Following is a report of the meeting, condensed from a Mount Clemens newspaper for SOCIAL JUSTICE readers:

"Father Albert Hutting led the discussion and was ably assisted by seven members of the Senior Class of St. Mary's High School. Each of these was assigned a phase of the topic and each was asked to substantiate his or her views with the authentic teaching of the Church with regard to that phase.

"It was pointed out that God owns the world by reason of the fact that He created it and redeemed it. If He owns it, He has the right to control it. Therefore, the Finger of God should be seen in all good government and in the management of all good business. Property should be so distributed and civic rights so respected that the maximum amount of glory will be given to God and the maximum amount of aid will be given to all men to save their immortal souls.

"Jerome Knight traced the history of revolts from the first revolution engineered by Lucifer in Heaven to the revolt of our first parent in Paradise, thence onward to the religious upheaval of the sixteenth century, and again to the political revolt of the eighteenth century. He made clear that in all these crises it was the departure from authority and the refusal to follow the guidance of the Church that caused the difficulty.

"Rosalie Peltier showed how this worship of self and this deification of man expressed itself in the masonic Declaration of the Rights of Man, a document which relegated God to a place on the shelf and placed man in his stead.

"Dolores White analyzed the current definition of democracy 'A government of the people, by the people and for the people.' She stated that a more Christian idea of democracy is that which was given to us by Pope Leo XIII: 'A benevolent and Christian movement in behalf of the people.'

"Betty Zaagsma interposed some very pertinent remarks concerning the political and religious views of Thomas Jefferson. After giving that statesman due credit for the salutary part he played in framing the *Constitution of the United States*, she pointed to some of his erroneous opinions as contained in his writings concerning the statute of the State of Virginia.

"Stephen Lee exposed the greedy method of the international banker, the use of 'fictitious money' in draining the ordinary man of real money. He pointed out the injustice of charging interest on so-called 'bob-cat' money which is nothing but a piece of paper. He explained that the chaos in the world is due in large measure to the unscrupulous accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few.

"Leander Revard proposed a government according to the Corporate pattern described in the encyclicals of the Holy Fathers. He referred to the Guild System of the Middle Ages which worked for the betterment of the whole society inasmuch as each class, each vocational group, had a voice in the government and in the management of business.

"Mary Jane Duprey pointed to an evil which is causing much confusion in society today, the turning of woman away from the home to which she is best adapted by nature and for which she was destined by the Creator. Without condemning certain women who find it necessary to work in factories and offices, Mary Jane insisted that if a *living annual wage* were given the father of a family, there would be no need of the woman abandoning the home, deserting her children and depriving her husband of those domestic attentions which a man has the right to expect."

Censorship—Arthur Krock

WRITING in the *New York Times*, Arthur Krock touches upon the subject of American censorship.

Quoting Mr. Mellett, a member of the White House pretorian guard, Mr. Krock puts these words into his mouth: "It happens that I do not believe in censorship, and it happens that I know I reflect the opinions of the President of the United States on this subject."

And then he says — on his own — "Censorship works two ways: It is as much censorship to pass colored Government information through an official bottleneck as it is to sift outside information through the same channel. The history of other countries is that the first quickly produces the second. The *OGR* has been active in placing press agents of its choice in key bureaus, like the Defense Commission, and the publicity of this commission during the recent Presidential campaign furnishes an example of how official news can be politically censored and distorted. If this bill is passed, it is expected here that the system will be broadly extended."

Indirect censorship already has been invoked in the United States. The majority of our news journals are colored with information designed to mold the minds of readers.

After all, censorship is a form of propaganda. In the past it was concerned chiefly with keeping news away from the citizens.

Today, it is more positive, consisting of filling the citizens' minds with colored news.

Many years will elapse before the Americans will realize what has been practiced on this generation for the past several months.

Smear Technique

"THOSE who aided the Loyalists and abetted the Communists in Spain have never forgiven General Franco for winning the civil war," says an editorial in *America*.

"They are irked that Franco has taken such a strong stand to keep Spain out of the British-Nazi war. But they are so eager to smash Franco and Spain that they plan to take the initiative against Spain, even while Spain maintains its integrity.

"Prominent Americans who supported the Spansh Loyalists-Communists are ready to back, publicly, the anti-Spanish campaign. The opening attack will, probably, be against the influence exercised by Spain over the Spanish-American Republics. It will, most likely, be charged that this age-old Spanish link between the mother country and Spanish America is a menace to hemisphere defense. Investigations will be demanded; then, by a manipulation, the inference will be drawn to 'Spanish influences in the United States.'

"Following this, through the devious way of intrigue and smear-technique, the finger will be pointed at those in the United States who have been identified with support of the Nationalist cause in the civil war from 1936 to 1939. As yet, this festers beneath the surface; but some reputedly respectable Americans will never forgive Spain for saving her soul."

America also intimates that subsurface agencies are preparing to start a new smear campaign against all the friends of Spain in America.

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Recently this smear *technique* backfired on its sponsors in the case of Ogden H. Hammond, Jr., 29-year-old son of the wealthy Ogden H. Hammond, Sr., ambassador to Spain from 1925 to 1929. The Hammonds were ardent supporters of General Franco. Young Hammond's sister is Countess Roberti, wife of an Italian diplomat.

Young Hammond himself was vice consul both in Vienna and Leipzig, Germany. He is now in this country on leave, after a verbal dispute with officials in the State Department who allegedly tried to dismiss him on the grounds that his work was "unsatisfactory" and that he had "publicly mimicked President Roosevelt."

But the son of the Former Ambassador to Spain is not taking the smear *technique* and intrigue lying down. Young Mr. Hammond is suing the State Department in a Washington District Court for an order to prevent that Department from dismissing him from the Foreign Service, or from transferring him to Canada pending disposal of the case.

Hammond's 33-page complaint charges that he was asked to resign and he submitted documented evidence to indicate that the charges of the State Department were "vicious and malicious fabrications."

In his petition for an order to restrain any alteration in his status in the diplomatic service, Hammond named Adolph A. Berle, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, G. Howland Shaw, Dean Acheson and the personnel chief of foreign service, John G. Erhardt.

Hammond quoted Berle as saying to him on October 18, 1940:

"This is nasty business. We might as well get it over quickly — you had better resign."

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Pearson and Allen in their syndicated. Washington Merry-Go-Round report:

"Young Hammond's record in the service has been brilliant, though sometimes clashing with the humdrum complacency of his colleagues. And that appears to be the chief reason for his attempted purge. He did not conform. For after he had pretty well disproved the charge that he had 'mimicked the President,' the State Department still insisted he resign.

"But, unlike others who have taken the *purge* lying down, Hammond has filed suit in the District of Columbia Supreme Court, and it looks as if a lot of State Department dirty linen would be washed in public."

Comment

Air Tragedy in U. S.

ON MARCH 20TH the War Department said that 132 Army fliers had been killed in 73 accidents since July 1, 1940.

This figure does not include the number of men killed in the Navy Department.

For example, 6 men attached to the aircraft carrier *Yorktown* were killed in a collision of two planes they were maneuvering over the Pacific Ocean.

Although we are not at war in so far as we are not engaged in actual combat, we seem to be losing almost as many fliers — according to British *communiques* — as the British are losing who are in actual combat.

Evidently our planes are inferior or our pilots are poorly trained.

A partial list of the air fatalities for the past six months shows the following:

March 7—Second Lieutenant killed near Langley Field, Va.

March 7—First Lieutenant killed in Hawaii.

March 4—Two men, including a First Lieutenant, killed near Bakersfield, Cal.

Feb. 21—Two Captains killed near Athens, Ohio.

Feb. 18—One man killed near Pensacola, Fla.

Feb. 12—Two Second Lieutenants killed in separate crashes in the Panama Canal Zone.

Feb. 11—Two men, including a First Lieutenant, killed near San Angelo, Texas.

Feb. 6—First Lieutenant killed near Farmingdale, N. Y.

Feb. 6—Eight men, including a Captain and a First Lieutenant, killed near Lovelock, Nev.

Feb. 4—Second Lieutenant killed near Northport, N. Y.

Jan. 28—One man killed near Shafter, Cal.

Jan. 28—One man killed near Tucson, Ariz.

Jan. 16—Seven men, including two First Lieutenants and two Second Lieutenants, killed near Morton, Wash.

Jan. 7—A Second Lieutenant killed at Shreveport, La.

Jan. 5—Eleven men, including two Lieutenant Commanders and two Lieutenants — members of a board of inquiry into an earlier crash—killed near White Mountain, Cal.

Jan. 3—One man killed at Kelly Field, Texas.

Jan. 2—One man killed near Edinburgh, Texas.

Jan. 2—Two men, including a Captain, killed at Laredo, Texas.

Dec. 30—Two men, including a Second Lieutenant, killed near Kendalia, Texas.

Dec. 24—Two men killed in a flight over Cuba.

Dec. 19—Six men, including three First Lieutenants, killed near Riverside, Cal.

Dec. 15—Two men, including a naval Lieutenant, killed in Long Island Sound.

Dec. 7—Two men, including a Second Lieutenant, killed near Campbellsburg, Ky.

Dec. 3—Two men, including a Second Lieutenant, killed near San Antonio, Texas.

Nov. 30—One man killed at Kelly Field, Texas.

Nov. 15—Two men killed in Lake Hodges, Cal.

Nov. 14—Two men, including a Lieutenant, killed near Honolulu.

Nov. 12—Two men killed near San Antonio, Texas.

Nov. 10—Three men, including two Lieutenants, killed in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Nov. 10—Three men, including two Lieutenants, killed at Centerville, Ala.

Nov. 1—Two men killed near Robertsdale, Ala.

Oct. 7—Two men, including a First Lieutenant, killed near Salt Lake City, Utah.

Oct. 1—Second Lieutenant killed near Montgomery, Ala.

Sept. 30—Captain killed near Walterboro, S. C.

Sept. 23—One man killed in the ocean near San Clemente, Cal.

Sept. 20—Three men, including Brigadier General Francis W. Honeycutt, commandant at Fort Bragg, and Capt. George F. Kehoe, killed near Woodbine, Ga.

Sept. 20—Two men, including a Second Lieutenant, killed near Prattville, Ala.

Sept. 19—One man killed near McChord Field, Wash.

Sept. 5—Two men killed in the ocean near Norfolk, Va.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says:

"The public has been aroused by a series of accidents on commercial air lines and a Senate committee is making an investigation of them. Yet the commercial accidents have been relatively few compared with the Army and Navy crashes. It is to be expected, of course, that a certain number of crashes will happen in training and practice flights, but isn't the foregoing list too long?"

Snake Collector

AMERICAN radio listeners will shortly be treated to a new series of propaganda playlets to be aired over a nation-wide radio hook-up beginning next month.

The program will be strictly "modern"; that is, strictly pro-war and pro-British.

The author, one Arch Oboler, a Hollywood anti-Nazi, has announced, *"There'll be none of this digging back for what Lincoln said or what Washington suffered."*

Before he went over to interventionism, Mr. Oboler won fame as the script writer of the notorious Mae West "Adam and Eve" broadcast which was banned from the air for reasons of obscenity.

In his spare time, Oboler, they say, collects snakes and toads!

Warning Ignored

A MAN who tried to warn this nation against the folly of war; who fears that his advice has been ignored; and who now sits anxiously by, impotent to stem the tide of disaster which threatens to engulf America.

That is the picture of Joseph P. Kennedy drawn by Bill Cunningham, a star staff writer for the *Boston Herald*, after an informal talk with the former ambassador to England.

"It wasn't an 'interview,'" Mr. Cunningham says of the visit at Kennedy's Palm Beach home. "It was better than an interview, because it was a personal chat with no punches pulled . . ."

Although Mr. Kennedy frankly admitted that he could not as yet "see far enough through the fog that's settling in on us," and, therefore, was reluctant to make any definite predictions, there was a strong note of futility, of resignation in his words.

Nowhere was this more apparent than in his statement that he *had issued a sharp and vital warning to America "at a time when it could have helped,"* but *"it didn't do any good!"*

Mr. Kennedy, according to Cunningham, talked with "something pretty close to bitterness" about the terrible, new-style consequences of war, of war made the new way where soldiers are killed in inconsequential numbers, but the economic foundations of nations are the total and irreparable losses.

"This country has no conception of what such things can do to a people and how fast," the former ambassador said.

"This new way of making war isn't so much a matter of death on the battlefield as the killing of systems of government, or trade, or business. And nobody who hasn't seen it can conceive of how fast it can strike . . .

"When you've seen those things happen with your own eyes, when you've seen war turn, in large part from soldiering to economic obliteration, with business on the home front wiped out and foreign trade completely gone, you realize the impossible burden ahead of our own country, if it gets mixed up in the same sort of mess.

"You find yourself looking at little children and thinking of the load that is being readied up for their unsuspecting shoulders, a load they'll stagger under all of the days of their lives and still may never be able really to carry.

"You think of people glibly tossing off such terms as $40-billion without the slightest comprehension of the size of such a sum or the faintest suspicion concerning where it's to come from.

"You think of the little fellow who thinks he's practically free from taxes, who is at present and who, when he thinks of defense taxes at all, figures there are 130-million people in this country and lots of them who make more than he does will pitch the required sum into the pot, and so what?

"So, wait until this really hits him!"

West Coast Against Convoys

A HUGE mass meeting staged at Philharmonic auditorium in Los Angeles, under auspices of the America First Committee, with Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota and Miss Catherine Curtis of New York as speakers, protested vigorously against the proposal to convoy supplies to Britain.

Their resolution "firmly and definitely opposed any participation by the naval or military or air forces of the country in any war outside the American Continent and the possessions of the United States."

It further stated: "and we specifically oppose the use of American ships or other means, whether merchant or naval, for transporting or for convoying the transport of supplies or materials to any of the belligerents in the wars of Europe, Asia or Africa."

"Our leadership," said Senator Nye, "seems to feel that the depression has us licked. The President has been quite determined to substitute for our economy an economy based upon a larger relationship of foreign wars.

"We can trace his every step — and see this determination. It was prevalent in his messages to Congress and in his public addresses and newspaper interviews.

"This war — if we get into it — *would be the President's war*, the first in the history of this nation!"

Senator Nye also addressed an assemblage of college students at a mass meeting sponsored by the Associate Graduate Students at Southern California campus.

He also addressed a Town Hall meeting at the Biltmore.

At all three gatherings, the Senator discussed in detail the menace of British propaganda.

He said:

"We are being supremely fooled by propaganda breeding hate and fear.

"We are told that the 'aggressors,' Hitler and Mussolini, must be vanquished. In fact, there are those who say that the Germans must be annihilated. Aggressors must go! And so, to rid the world of aggressors, *we ally ourselves with the greatest aggessor the world has even known* — Great Britain — which for three centuries, even up to 1936, has been engaged in aggression and acquiring new lands.

"We are told that if Hitler wins this war we are ruined, that we will lose all of our foreign trade — "all of it" being but 3 per cent of our total trade anyway. Yet, the most vicious foreign trade competition we have ever had to meet has been from Great Britain!

"We are told that our safety depends upon the British navy; if it goes, we are lost.

"We *have never been dependent on the British navy*, and heaven forbid that we ever will. The only navy we have ever had to defend ourselves from is the British navy!

"The British navy is the only one that has ever encroached upon the rights of North America and South America."

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Discussing conscription, Senator Nye stated that it was "a custom borrowed from Europe," and so now we have peacetime conscription "without which a dictator cannot get to first base."

"The President," Senator Nye declared, "has been going around with a chip on his shoulder, doing everything in his power to make enemies — instead of trying to retain the friendship of warring countries."

He quoted the President as saying in 1936 that in 1914 Americans "had been euchered into fighting in Europe's war," that it was a war made by selfish Americans eager for "fool's gold," and that it "would never happen again and if America is ever confronted with a choice between profit and peace, Americans will choose peace."

Senator Nye charged that an effort to draw America into a war in Europe had been planned by Great Britain ever since the last war, citing as proof a handbook which, he said, was issued for British officials some years ago, intended for them only, but that a few copies of the secret publication had found their way to America and were reprinted.

The speaker said the book outlined "how to get America on our side actively in the next war." One feature of the book, he said, was a plan to appeal to certain classes in America — for example, to the Jews for the persecution of their race in Europe, and to create an anti-Japanese sentiment as well — making sure always that Japan was never on the side of Great Britain.

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"There is not a military man in the United States ready to concede that Hitler, even if he had the combined navies of the world, could make any invasion inroads into this country," Nye said.

The Senator stated that while England has been getting money from America, on the plea of poverty, the Empire has barely scratched the surface of its own resources.

"If we were to spend for national defense only a small part of the billions we are giving away, not even a lunatic would think of trying to invade us," Nye said.

"For fifteen years," he went on, "I have watched the quibbling over appropriations for necessities for America and Americans, by the very men who were so eager to pass *Bill 1776*, appropriating $7-billion for England.

The North Dakota Senator charged that some of these same men had previously debated and argued for days against $10,000 appropriations for helping farmers, and insisting that the country would be "bankrupt," yet they did not consider $7-billion too much to give Britain, and they "ranted at the thought of an hour's delay in passing the bill!"

In spite of the darkness of the present picture, the Senator nevertheless does not think the situation entirely hopeless — so long as there are consolidated groups who are not blinded to the needs of our own country, or too emotionally solicitous of the needs of other countries.

Nye told his Los Angeles audience that they, together with the rest of America, could help best by joining together to bombard the President and Representatives with their own personal letters insisting that it is the right of the American people to have a voice in the fateful matter of war — and demanding that this issue be submitted to a popular vote.

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Senator Nye calls it the President's war. SOCIAL JUSTICE would amend the Senator's statement.

It will not be Mr. Roosevelt's war . . . it will be the war of Felix Frankfurter, of Bernard Baruch, of Henry Morgenthau, of Madam Perkins, of Governor Lehman, of *B'nai B'rith*—of all the men close to him and their inspired publications which have clamored for a war, and whose opinions dominate the easily-flattered Mr. Roosevelt.

We have arrived at a time when it is necessary to state blunt facts.

And the time has come for us to begin to investigate who started the war.

Mothers Groups Co-operate

MISS CATHERINE CURTIS, who appeared at the Los Angeles auditorium with Senator Nye, had earlier in the day been elected national chairman of a committee composed of three women's organizations opposed to war — The *National Legion of Mothers of America*, the *Women's National Committee to Keep U. S. Out of War*, and the *Mothers of the U. S. A.*

The National Legion held its first convention at Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, where it was decided to form a national committee for the purpose of co-ordinating the war protests of the legions of American mothers in the various groups.

Miss Curtis, who is chairman of the *Women's National Committee to Keep U. S. Out of War*, had come West for the convention.

Kathleen Norris, retiring president of the *Mothers of America*, told the audience that already Washington officialdom is making moves toward providing American convoys for supply ships to England.

At an evening meeting Miss Curtis said, "I have just come from the battle of 1776 — Moscow on the Potomac, as it were.

"In our nation we have many, other than American citizens, holding down Government jobs.

"As I sense your determination tonight I am convinced that we are starting another campaign that may really be the last campaign to keep this country out of foreign entanglements.

"I don't know whether the propaganda has got out here yet, but back East we are being told that '1776' is a law and that we must not oppose it any longer.

"Well, how about the *Prohibition Amendment?* We women helped to enact that, didn't we? And when we found that it didn't work, we repealed it. That's what we are going to try to do with this law!"

If America gets into the war, Miss Curtis pointed out that American boys could be sent to guard the Burma road — and others would be shipped off to Africa.

"Some of you mothers are going to lose your sons, and your husbands and your homes," the speaker cried. "What are you going to do about it?"

"Impeach the President!" cried someone in the audience.

"Have another Boston tea party!" shouted another.

Miss Curtis, however, told them that the best course would be to write their protests to the President, Senators and Members of Congress — and to remember at the next election the names of those who disregarded the peace wishes of the people who elected them.

Wall Street Journal —and Socialism

THE London correspondent of the *Wall Street Journal* indicates that Socialism has been adopted in England.

Mr. G. V. Ormsby (April1), the correspondent, says:

"The tendency to rationalization already existed in pre-war Britain where there are no anti-trust laws. The big department and chain stores were squeezing out the small shopkeeper; the textile industries were becoming dominated by big combines; the chemical, soap and margarine industries were largely cartelized; holding companies were acquiring control of large rural areas in gas and electricity supply; the iron and steel industry under the National Federation and assisted by import duties, was in many ways acting as a single unit, especially in the export field. All these developments were taking place under a mainly Conservative government and had no socialistic bias. But the merging of the industries into large units makes them ripe for the nationalizer who appears in the guise of the protector of the consumer. It is too early to prophesy what will happen after the war, but this new move of the Government, undertaken purely as a necessary war measure, and generally accepted by industry as inevitable in present circumstances, has social implications of great importance for the future."

For years Christian sociologists complained about the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few — one of the characteristics of that type of capitalism which dominated both Britain and the United States.

As a result, this concentration gave birth to monopolistic corporations, monopolistic chain stores and, particularly, monopolistic financial and banking institutions.

The latter — the financial and banking institutions — enjoy the questionable privilege of creating money, of issuing credit ten times over and above the assets or wealth possessed by the institutions.

These financial and banking institutions also enjoy the right of regulating the purchasing power of money in so far as they could call in loans. This is another way of saying that they possess the right of withdrawing credit money from circulation.

And these banking and financial institutions, although privately owned by a group of citizens, were subordinated in policy and practice to a common central bank.

In England the common central bank was the Bank of England.

In France, it was the Bank of France.

In the United States, it is the Federal Reserve Banks.

Each country had its common central bank. And all of them co-operated with each other for the welfare of the owners thereof, and not for the welfare of the individual nations where their main offices subsisted through the grace of a democratic people.

However, this monopolization of the goods of this nation through the monopolization of money succeeded in baking a bun easily snatchable by the mass of distressed and impoverished people everywhere.

And that is exactly what is going on.

At one fell swoop big department stores will be nationalized; the textile industries, public utilities, motor corporations and a hundred other monopolies are standing ready to be confiscated — and eaten — by the hungry masses.

Much of this is done in Twentieth Century fashion.

We mean that the clumsiness of the French Revolutionary days has passed and the *finesse* of the New Deal days has arrived.

In the former days, mobs of hatless, homeless, hunted men swirled upon the shop-keepers to seize their merchandise and separate the heads of the owners from their well-fed bodies.

In our days the Department of the Guillotine has given way to the Department of the Treasury, which separates the property of owners from their grasp through the sharp blade of taxation.

In other words, the "haves" are being taxed out of existence.

As in every revolution, the pendulum for reform swings too far.

It will be so in this revolution through which we are passing.

Had the French Revolutionaries satisfied themselves with chopping off the heads of the chief malefactors — and then stopping — no tears would have been shed.

Unfortunately, many thousands of innocent persons were sacrified in the madness spawned by the Voltaires, the Rousseaus and their contemporaries.

If our present-day reformers were satisfied in chopping off the financial heads of the chief sinners responsible for the concentration of wealth — the international bankers — it would not be a cause for tears.

Unfortunately, the process through which we are about to pass will not be fulfilled until thousands and millions of innocent property-holders will feel the blade of taxation — and confiscation.

Indeed, we are in the maelstrom of revolution.

Twisting and turning in its mad waters, no one knows when the Ship of State itself will be sucked down to abysmal depths, taking with it the cargo of traditions, of rights, of ideals and of hopes which was entrusted to the strong walls and even keel of the nation constructed by Washington and his contemporaries.

Possibly, the American people, having entrusted the helm of its destinies to the hands of a moon-gazer, have asked for what they are about to receive.

Jane's Sarcasm

THE United States will *support the war "to the last Englishman,"* says the latest edition of the British bible on air power, *"Jane's All the World's Aircraft."*

After protests from those in England who either resented the not-so-subtle insult of Uncle Sam or who thought it impolitic, the British Ministry of Aircraft Production disavowed the official status of the publication.

That, no doubt, should be soothing to Americans familiar with British gratitude, except for the fact that the volume was prepared in co-operation with (and was censored by) the British Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Chicago Tribune

REFUSING to relax one iota in its battle to "save our Republic," the *Chicago Daily Tribune* charges that the country is being "led step by step into the war."

"When the *Neutrality Act* was repealed the people were told that nothing more would be required," the *Tribune* reminds its readers.

"The authorized spokesmen for the Administration said the same thing when the 50 destroyers were transferred.

"They said it again when conscription was instituted; when the *1776 Bill* was enacted; and again the other day when the $7-billion appropriation for Britain and her allies was approved.

"Now the interventionists are talking of employing the United States Navy to convoy merchant ships carrying military and other supplies to Britain.

"America," the *Tribune* charges, "is being swept along the road to war by falsehoods, and by four falsehoods in particular.

"The first of them is that America is in deadly peril of invasion from overseas . . .

"The second of the falsehoods is that Britain is short of food and war materials. It is true that Britains are rationed, but they are not suffering. Long before they reach any such stage ships *which are now engaged in carrying Britain's commerce around the globe* will be called in to haul food.

"Then there is the falsehood that Britain can be overcome by attack from the air . . . The British themselves are confident of their ability to hold out against air attack, as was attested recently by Cyril Falls, writing in the *London Illustrated News*. He, among many others, has 'ruled out of account the possibility of subjugating this country by means of the air arm alone — that is, by bombing, dropping of gas, parachute, and air-borne troops. Some people think it can be done but their arguments leave me wholly unconvinced,' as indeed, they do the great majority of students of military science.

"Finally, there is the falsehood that Britain is desperately lacking in merchant tonnage. The figures of the growth of British export trade during the war do not bear out this story. If there were as severe a shortage as is alleged by the propagandists, many more of the foreign trade lines would have been abandoned in the interest of national safety. The situation is still far from critical and it will not become critical at the present rate of sinkings for a long time to come, if ever.

"It is these four falsehoods which have been used by the propagandists to rush us into the conflict," the *Tribune* asserts.

"America is being urged to sacrifice the lives of a million of its sons to avert nonexistent dangers."

Letters

(SOCIAL JUSTICE aims to make this page a free forum and readers' opinions are invited. Naturally the views expressed are not always those of this magazine. We cannot guarantee that contributions sent to SOCIAL JUSTICE can be returned to the writers. Letters not signed with the writer's name and address cannot be considered, although the name will not necessarily be used. We reserve the right to publish all letters received unless contrary instruction is specifically given.)

God Help Us

TO THE EDITOR:

I have just read your fighting front page editorial and all I can say is the blessing of God upon you for it.

Haven't Americans become a pusillanimous, spineless, cowardly nation that we believe perfidious Albion is our guardian?

God help us and God bless you!

— L.C.

Erie, Pa.

Trying Time Ahead

TO THE EDITOR:

Your title page editorial of March 31 issue strikes home. Would God we had more such genuine expressions from other members of our great "free press."

If something salutary is to be done before our half crazy people go plumb crazy and permit us to be rushed headlong into chaos and bankruptcy — there has got to be an end to pussyfooting — and a spade will have to be called a spade.

Perhaps, we may have to go through excruciating trials first before an awakening.

— F.J.Z.

Jefferson City, Mo.

Remembers Lindbergh

TO THE EDITOR:

When I read of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., I think of his father in 1918. I am a man of 72 years of age who can forgive, but not forget.

Well do I remember when Charles Lindbergh, Sr., ran for Governor of the State of Minnesota. He was smeared and even arrested for an attempt to tell the truth.

Why do I remember? *Because I was struck in the face for speaking one word in his defense!* I remember how wicked the truth appeared in those dark years of World War No. 1

When the war was over we were all ready to shake hands with hopes that our country would never get that low again. I'm afraid as I always was that "go get Kaiser" was a small affair to what "go get Hitler" will be.

As I see it our safety lies in the hands — and the promises — of our great President.

Being a true blue American, I wish that the people would give praise instead of slander to such men as Father Coughlin, Charles Lindbergh, Burton K. Wheeler, Henry Ford, Gerald Nye, and all other such patriotic and honest men.

— T.C.M.

Greenbush, Minn.

Oath Has Gone Out

TO THE EDITOR:

According to modern interpretation, the solemn oath is a "relic of Christianity" that has been shipped out of the country with bundles for Britain.

A great many of lawmakers (or lawbreakers) — Federal, state and municipal — do solemnly swear to uphold the *Constitution* and laws of their country, while in their puny souls they are firmly resolved to scrap the *Constitution* and make only such laws as will give them full power to uphold the might and dignity of the British Empire and the international bankers.

We see our news dealers standing up with the congregation on a Sunday morning, raising their right hand to heaven and repeating with the priest the *Pledge to the Legion of Decency*. At the same time you can walk into their newsrooms and find *PM* and other propaganda rags prominently displayed, and if you are a student of everything sordid in regard to sex you will find a choice collection to choose from.

If you should ask for their copy of SOCIAL JUSTICE you will get a stare intended to convince you that your intellectual faculties are something below the average.

Corning, N. Y. — W.H.W.

An Open Letter To Martin Sweeney

TO THE EDITOR:

May I submit the following open letter to Congressman Martin L. Sweeney —

"Dear Mr. Sweeney:

"I don't blame Jean Turkovitch for ripping you up on the pages of the *Cleveland Press* recently. If you were to walk down the avenue in the wig and breeches of George Washington's time you would expect to be ridiculed, wouldn't you? Well, your pro-American patriotism is just as outlandish today as would be that mode of dress.

"So, get under the Turkovitch banner, Martin. Yell for more and even greater aid to Great Britain! Of course, they *welched* on their last debt to us, but then, it was only a matter of a few paltry billions. And anyway, with the staggering tax program just ahead, only a few of us Americans will actually starve to death.

"And if some of our 'overage destroyers' in the Senate want convoys for American shipping to England, don't argue with them, Martin. Give them convoys! If any of our boys are lost, it will be mostly the sons of the poor. And they really don't matter so much, you know.

"So change that silly 'America-first' notion of yours, Martin. Get in line with the Dorothy Thompsons, the Kaltenborns and the Jack Ropers. Change your slogan to 'Great Britain First.'

"Then all the Jean Turkovitches really will go for you in a big way!"

God bless Martin Sweeney and Congressmen like him!

— E.M.G.

Cleveland, Ohio

Open Letter to Plain People By One of Them

TO THE EDITOR:

This is an open letter to the plain people of America from a very plain, but not too blind, person. It is written without haste or hate.

Dear plain people, do you realize that we are being tricked into this war by the very ones who promised to keep us out if re-elected?

They say: "The plain people have spoken and now they want action and more action."

Where did we speak and when did we say: "We want war"?

The answer is: We never did get a chance to speak!

They planned it that way; "they" always did in the past.

Did you ever hear, or read of in history, that the plain people were ever allowed to vote on war or peace? Of course not.

The plain truth is that the plain people always lose, no matter which side wins. The suffering is dark and deep for the duration; but the "peace" and the aftermath of war is a hapless hell.

The politicians fear the power of an aroused public. That is why they have been extra stealthy in their step-by-step "sneak" into war.

Can we, the people, stop them?

We can if we make the very rafters ring with our determined shouts for peace — peace *now, before the war,* not after

After total war, there will be no peace for the poor plain people. Then, the "economic royalists," who now "spend" billions on warfare, will view the plain people with animosity when we shall seek alms. Then, "they" will give back the liberties taken from us for the duration. Then, the plain people will be told to "go hang" and starve in peace and freedom. Then, when there is no bread they'll say: "Let them eat cake!"

But why go on?

Those who seek to enlighten the plain people are always dubbed as rabble rousers.

And the plain people? Why they are destined forever to carry the rabble wrack if this war is "put over" as planned.

Let's get together, *out in the open where "they" can see and hear and count us, and then "they" wouldn't dare take another step towards war!*

— C.H.

Bronx, N. Y.

A Mother's Letter

TO THE EDITOR:

With fear in our hearts and sadness shrouding our homes, we God-fearing Christian mothers, have fought and begged, have written and prayed.

We have been to Washington, to plead with our Representatives; we have turned to our priests and ministers; and our religious papers, with what results?

Where should we turn now? Surely God will lead us, somewhere, beside war, and destruction; surely all our sacrifices, our earnest prayers, our pleas, must be heard somewhere.

In hope of finding someone who with us poor mothers will understand, we turn to our religious leadership — our Bishops — with our grief. It must be in our Church, our religion, and our leaders, and the help of God to save us heart-broken mothers of the world today.

We must not be dragged into Europe's war.

Would that our religious leaders had stood by us, at the time the embargo was lifted, as they were when the embargo to Spain was to be lifted. I do believe there would be no war in Europe today. They were silent on one war bill after another.

Must our boys pay with their very lives, for war profiteers? I say no, they can't. We struggled long and hard, through the depression for these poor boys. We can't hand them over to a dishonest war scheme.

I am a mother of five sons, and nobody knows only my God, what I went through. I could never rest to know my poor boys are fighting and dying on Europe's battlegrounds — for what?

It could never happen, if we all fight bravely. Come to our rescue, you religious leaders, you are our great help!

With you and God's help, we will win a victory — God's victory!

— Mrs. S.B.

Cleveland, Ohio

Let Us Face Facts

TO THE EDITOR:

The American people are, and have been, taking a terrific beating from a group that prates of "democracy" and Americanism and "four freedoms."

Let us face facts. If total war for this land does occur, then democracy, Americanism, freedom, liberty, etc., will disappear, possibly never to return.

One's heart bleeds for the common people everywhere, be they American, Jewish, German, English, or whatever stock. They are all sufferers in war.

When these people one day awaken to the truth, may the guilty ones in their greed for gold, in their blood lust, in their godless atheism, take warning.

May humanity awaken and find its true welfare through the guidance of God, toward a permanent world peace. Otherwise, all is in vain.

— M.J.K.

College Point, N. Y.

Letters

They Want the Facts

TO THE EDITOR:

On a recent Sunday, your SOCIAL JUSTICE salesboy at Blessed Sacrament Church, Baltimore, gave us a small circular to go to hear Senator Wheeler speak.

This was the first such meeting I had ever attended, as I have been afraid that by going somewhere that I wasn't sure of I might be getting into some Communist outfit.

So, my two daughters and I went. It was the most enthralling meeting and Senator Wheeler told the people plenty, but most of it was the same that Father Coughlin and SOCIAL JUSTICE have been teaching us for some time back.

But, the point I want to bring out in this letter is that three of your SOCIAL JUSTICE salesmen were there at this Protestant church selling your paper, and it was gratifying to see so many people with it high up in their hands reading it before the speakers came out to talk.

I think more and more people are looking to see the real truth. We can't wait to get your paper each week, and we go to a certain store in town so we can get it on Friday.

Keep up the good work and God bless you.

Baltimore, Md. — **Mrs. M.J.C.**

It's Up to People

TO THE EDITOR:

The people along with their leaders, and especially their religious leaders, will be responsible if this country gets into war. They will be responsible just as they have been responsible for the present depression and its continuation.

In 1936, the people had the chance to bring back true prosperity. They could have declared themselves against private issuance of money which is at the root of our economic problem. Instead, they preferred to believe the propagandists. Will they now believe the war mongering propagandists—substantially the same ones who exerted such a tragic influence in our last presidential election?

It seems folly to expect this country to remain at peace if the propaganda stranglehold in this country is not broken. *Our real danger is not fifth columnists but newspaper columnists!*

The last and only hope for peace is that the Christian leaders of this country vigorously and unitedly condemn the propagandists.

If they do not do this, America deserves chaos.

St. Louis, Mo. —**Robert Walsh**

Christian Front vs. Union Now

TO THE EDITOR: .

On January 14, 1940, agents of the F.B.I. rounded up sixteen sports club boys at Brooklyn, New York, and gathered together a collection of obsolete and rusty old guns of various class and caliber with an assortment of empty cans and worthless trappings. This so-called material of warfare was classed as a revolutionary arsenal, and the sports club young men were charged with seditious conspiracy.

It was said they intended to raid armories for supplies to blow up the offices of the Communist *Daily Worker;* the *Daily Forward;* headquarters of the League for Peace and Democracy; dynamite bridges, seize power plants, telegraph and telephone networks; conduct raids on the Custom House, General Postoffice, Federal Reserve Bank; and overthrow the Government of the United States —a tremendous undertaking.

These innocent and inoffensive young men were expeditiously jailed in irons and held in bail of $50,000 each until tried and dismissed many months later.

In contrast with the foregoing travesty on legal procedure under the new order, reference is herein made to the recent publication entitled *Union Now,* elaborately presented through *Life* (February 17) and the said article again made available to us by means of a two-page ad in the principal New York City papers of March 4, 1941.

This *Union Now* proposition goes beyond intimating the propriety of forming a union with the British Empire. Initial procedure has actually commenced with the support of professors, authors and clergymen.

The fact that we fought a long war, not many years ago, to maintain American Union seems to be taken lightly by those who would cheerfully haul down the Stars and Stripes, place the *Constitution* within a glass case in the Smithsonian Institute, and form "union now" with the British Empire.

Imagine our free and independent Uncle Sam promoted to "Lord Samuel," marching in the international procession with Anglo-Israelite squires, barons, and other right honorables, such as those who declared war with a German soldier of fortune, and who are now being strategically whipped on land, air, sea, and under sea, and by a former painter at that!

Union Now or Never, for a position of dishonor at the tail end of the British Empire—John Bull, Esquire, and Comrade Joe Stalin of Bolshevik Russia?

New York, N. Y. — **T.H.**

They've Got a Flag

TO THE EDITOR:

The letter headed "America First" by W. H. S. of Astoria, N. Y., asking for more articles exposing Union Now, prompts me to suggest that the book, *"The Truth About England and the New Europe"* (T. W. Hughes, Box 307, Hollywood, Calif.) should be read by every American.

These plotters have already adopted a new name for our country and a new flag has been put on the market! The name is *"Americanada,"* and the flag has three vertical stripes in a field of blue; the white stripe is still white, but the red stripe is filled with Union Jacks!

This flag was exposed by Mrs. C. P. Bladwin of New York and Mrs. David Stanley of Cleveland, Ohio, through the *Cleveland Press.* Whereupon the signal went out and the flags were — temporarily — placed under cover. They'll appear again—watch for them.

Flint, Mich. —**K.M.S.**

FREE SPEECH?

—Contributed by E. J. McG., Philadelphia, Pa.

Money Monopoly

TO THE EDITOR:

Every monetary student knows all wars are based on the money question.

"Peace on earth" or "good will" will never be realized as long as money monopoly exists. Nations will continue to destroy each other until financial imperialism is abolished. It holds in the palm of its hand the destiny of every man, woman and child.

Many have written to their Representatives and Senators protesting against America's entry into this foreign war. We are responsible if our nation enters — and it appears it will — *because we, the people, have permitted money monopoly to exist.*

In 1929, when the depression started, some were telling us business would pick up in the Spring, then in the Fall. I could teach a parrot to say the same words, but he would not know what he was talking about.

When the late P. T. Barnum said there was a "sucker born every minute," I believe what he meant was, we like to be fooled because we do not think for ourselves. Prove it yourself: When you ride in a public conveyance, observe what the passengers are reading. Nine chances out of ten you will find them endeavoring to solve a cross-word puzzle; reading the comic sheet; base ball scores; fight results; sex magazines; western and detective stories.

No wonder so many of them are living in the mire of ignorance up to their necks!

This is just what the international (or Federal Reserve) bankers want us to read. They do not want us to read anything on the money question, because it would expose and spoil their racket.

Even a little publicity is fatal to their purposes!

The *Constitutional Money League of America* is the major organization in this country today fighting for money reform.

It was organized by former Representative Charles G. Binderup, of Minden, Nebraska.

Monetary students remember him as one of the greatest fighters we had in the House of Representatives on the money question. He went so far as to establish a money school in Congress, teaching the Representatives about money monopoly and the remedy. The financial imperialists saw to it that Mr. Binderup served his last term in Congress!

Mr. Binderup is president, Robbert H. Hemphill is the secretary. The League's literature is well worth reading. I would recommend the reading and study of the booklet *"Where Does the Money Come From."* Every adult person should read it, and it ought to be widely distributed.

The League's National Headquarters is located at Washington, D. C., and the Central Office at Minden, Nebraska. Communicate with Mr. Charles G. Binderup at Minden, Nebraska, for application forms, and get your friends interested.

New York, N. Y. — **W.F.**

Comment

A Declaration of Dependence on God

THE REV. Denis D. Lane, C.M., chaplain of St. Ann's hospital, St. Louis, some years ago discovered and made public the *"Declaration of Dependence on God"* that was a forgotten prelude to the *Declaration of Independence.*

Father Lane recently sent 200 copies of the *Resolution* to Congressman John J. Cochron at Washington, to be distributed to Senators and Representatives.

Some time ago, the Right Rev. Msgr. James P. Murray, superintendent of archdiocesan schools, sent a letter to each parish school asking that a copy of the *"Declaration of Dependence on God"* be hung in the classrooms.

On June 7th, the Second Continental Congress appointed a committee of three, namely, Mr. William Hooper of North Carolina, Mr. John Adams and Mr. Robert T. Payne of Massachusetts" to bring in a resolution for "a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer." The *Resolution* which these gentlemen submitted to Congress on June 12, 1775, read as follows:

"As the Great Governor of the world by His supreme and universal providence, not only conducts the course of nature with unerring wisdom and rectitude, but frequently influences the minds of men to serve the wise and gracious purposes of his providential government; and being at all times our indispensable duty devoutly to acknowledge His superintending providence, especially in times of impending danger and public calamity, to reverence and adore His immutable justice, as well as to implore His merciful interposition for our deliverance; therefore:

"This Congress, considering the present critical, alarming and calamitous state of these Colonies, do earnestly recommend that Thursday, the 20th day of July next, be observed by the inhabitants of all the English Colonies on this continent as a day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer; that we may with united hearts and voices, unfeignedly confess and deplore our many sins, and offer up our joint supplications to the all-wise Omnipotent and merciful Disposer of all events, humbly beseeching Him to forgive our iniquities, to remove our present calamities, to avert these desolating judgments with which we are threatened, and to bless our rightful Sovereign, King George III, and inspire him with wisdom to discern and pursue the true interest of all his subjects; that a speedy end may be put to the civil discord between Great Britain and the American Colonies, without further effusion of blood; and that the British nation may be influenced to regard the things that belong to her peace before they are hid from her eyes; that these Colonies may be ever under the care and protection of a kind Providence, and be prospered in all their interest; that the divine blessing may descend and rest upon all our civil rulers, and upon the Representatives of the people, in their several assemblies and conventions; that they may be directed to wise and effectual measures for preserving the Union, and securing the just rights and privileges of the Colonies; that virtue and true religion may revive and flourish throughout our land; and that America may soon behold a gracious interposition of Heaven for the redress of her many grievances, the restoration of her invaded rights, a reconciliation with the parent state on terms constitutional and honorable to both; and that her civil and religious privileges may be secured to the latest posterity.

"And it is recommended to Christians of all denominations to assemble for public worship and to abstain from servile labor and recreation on said day.

"Ordered that a copy of the above be signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary, and published in the newspapers and in hand bills."

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The text of the resolution above is taken from Volume 2, page 1844, of *"American Archives"* by Peter Force, "being the minutes of the Continental Congress held in Philadelphia, September 4, 1774, continued and assembled for a second session, May, 1775."

The nomination of George Washington to be Commander-in-Chief of the forces raised and to be raised, on June 15th, three days after the passage of the Congressional *Resolution,* seems, says Father Lane, "like the answer of God to the prayer and confidence expressed in the above *Declaration."*

The *Declaration* was inserted in the *Congressional Record,* May 22, 1939.

University's Creed

From *New York Journal,* Oct. 10, 1940

I'M NOT A CATHOLIC. I hold no particular brief for any code or creed. But I'm doffing my new Fall bonnet today in enthusiastic approval of—and warm respect to—the University of San Francisco, whose Jesuit educators have made one of the most outstanding patriotic gestures in our current confusion.

Time was when credits were the main consideration in entering any college. How do you rate in Math, in English, History, Languages? But now there's a new challenge, as presented by the U.S.F.—

HOW DO YOU RATE IN AMERICANISM?

No student, Catholic or Protestant, however high his previous record, may enter the University of San Francisco today without knowing the fundamental principals of Americanism . . . vowing allegiance if he is a native born . . . or acknowledging their status if he is an alien.

I repeat, I am not a Catholic, nor am I advocating any special cause or creed. But I do believe that the University of San Francisco has set an example and established a credo which every school in America might well follow. Here is that statement, the most significant in American education today, I honestly believe!

The Credo of the University of San Francisco

The University of San Francisco refuses to subscribe to the doctrine that "academic freedom" may be used as a pretext to teach systems which destroy all freedom. It proudly boasts that it has always taught and always will teach the following creed:

It believes in God.

It believes in the personal dignity of man.

It believes that man has certain natural rights which come from God and not from the state.

It therefore is opposed to all forms of dictatorship, holding the philosophy that the "total man" (totalitarianism) belongs to the state.

It believes in the sanctity of the home, the basic unit of civilization.

It believes in the natural right of private property, but likewise that private property has its social obligations.

It believes that labor has not only rights, but obligations.

It believes that capital has not only rights, but obligations.

It is vigorously opposed to all forms of "racism," persecution or intolerance because of race.

It believes that liberty is a sacred thing, but that law, which regulates liberty, is a sacred obligation.

It believes in inculcating all the essential liberties of American Democracy and takes open and frank issue with all brands of spurious "democracy."

It believes, briefly, in the teachings of Christ, who held that morality must regulate the personal, family, economic, political and international life of men if civilization is to endure.

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There is the University of San Francisco's particular and unique "Bill of Rights" . . . political, racial, economic and spiritual rights which every native son must swear to and every alien understand before he can be enrolled. And I doubt if a nobler code ever appeared in our educational field. Nor has there ever been a time when such a statement of faith was more drastically needed.

It is no longer enough to believe in America with our minds, as a political scheme. We must believe in it and serve it with our hearts and our souls as a divine revelation, or we are lost.

Pity the Farmer

SPEAKING of American farmers, F. P. Kenkel, the Director of the Central Bureau of the Catholic Central Verein, is reported to have said:

"You can see American citizens — living in habitations into which a wealthy man wouldn't put a horse worth $100."

According to the *Philadelphia Record* (April 1) this statement was made at a dinner in the Manufacturers and Bankers Club of Philadelphia before a group of Central Verein members.

The speaker added: "The greatest danger is that of the farmer losing his status as a farmer and becoming a tenant, due to forces beyond his control . . . We cannot have millions of disinherited people without their becoming dissatisfied."

Unquestionably, what Mr. Kenkel says is factual.

Production at a profit for the farmer is a policy that was carefully side-tracked and *sabotaged* by the present Administration which, at one time, was content to destroy crops; at another time, to limit crops; but at all times to bow a pregnant knee before the gold calf which it preferred to worship.

Since March 4, 1933, millions of farmer folks saw their lands confiscated by the Government.

The ravages resultant from dust-bowlism were minor compared to those planned by the Department of Agriculture.

Comment

'Anti-Semite' on Town Hall Air

THE *Jewish Criterion* (March 28) wrote some pertinent paragraphs which unwittingly expose the high pressure methods exercised by Jews.

Before we print the paragraphs, we submit this argument: "Jews resent any persons speaking on Town Hall who are supposedly anti-Semites.

"By the same token, Christians — were they unchristian — should oppose any person speaking on Town Hall or any other similar platform if they were suspected of being anti-Christian."

What a fine mess that logic would create! Thus, to the article, *"Why Did An Anti-Semite Speak on Town Hall?"* (Nathan Krems):

"How did a venomous Jew-baiter get to speak before an estimated 7-million listeners last week on the famous Town Hall of the Air program, broadcast from Seattle's Civic Auditorium?

"That is the story I can tell today to Jewish readers.

"It is an amazing tale.

"Let's start at the beginning:

"The anti-Semite who occupied an honored place on the Town Hall platform is Ralph Townsend.

"He is one of the most notorious anti-Jewish propagandists operating on the West Coast.

"His 'literature' is distributed by such Nazi propaganda centers as Los Angeles' Aryan Book Store, whose proprietor, one Hans Diebel, has just had his citizenship revoked because he's a Nazi.

"Ralph Townsend's anti-Jewish diatribes are also sold at such centers of Nazi propaganda as the Germania Book and Specialty Corp., 1523 Third Avenue, New York City.

"Ralph Townsend writes that Jews control the press of America.

"He calls Jews, war-mongers.

"He blames them for aid to Britain and the sentiment against Japan.

"For 15 cents, you can buy his pamphlet, *'America Has No Enemies in Asia!'* You'll read in it:

" 'An estimated 80 per cent of the metropolitan advertising in America is placed by Jewish firms. Advertising is the main income for newspapers and magazines and also for radio stations . . . Support men such as Colonel Lindbergh, Senators Hiram Johnson and Robert Reynolds, William R. Castle and all the rest whom the internationalists minority, with all its money and press and radio control, has thus far been unable to buy or budge.'

"That is Ralph Townsend, Jew-baiter, speaking.

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"It was only by sheerest chance that I ran into the story of how Ralph Townsend, prolific Jew-baiting propagandist, gained a featured place in such a fine forum as America's Town Hall of the Air — which broadcasts over 92 radio stations strung out the length and breadth of America, on time loaned by the National Broadcasting System, which is headed by a Jew, David Sarnoff!

"Here is how I ran into the story of Ralph Townsend, anti-Semite:

"I was covering the Town Hall of the Air broadcast here for *PM*, the New York daily for which I write.

"It occurred to me that the speaker taking the pro-Japanese side of the question would bear checking on.

" 'Who,' I asked myself, 'are the defenders of Japan's assault on China? They're the Nazis and the Fascists in this country. There is a Rome-Tokyo-Berlin axis of propaganda here. Even goat-bearded William Dudley Pelley, erstwhile head of the Silver Shirts, is getting his anti-Jewish propaganda printed in Japan.'

"It might be interesting, I thought, to check up on Mr. Ralph Townsend. So I did!

"And lo and behold, I found this Town Hall of the Air featured speaker to be a prolific, venomous anti-Semite!

"So, I did some more checking.

"I got in touch with George V. Denny, fast-thinking, straight-shooting, likeable moderator of the Town Hall of the Air. He was at the Washington Athletic Club.

" 'Do you know that your Mr. Townsend,' I asked him, 'who speaks tonight on the Town Hall program, is guilty of writing a bunch of anti-Semitic lies?'

" 'Certainly not,' was his astonished answer. 'If I had known that, he wouldn't be on tonight's program.'

" 'How was Townsend picked for the program?' I inquired of Mr. Denny.

" 'Well,' replied Mr. Denny, 'the Washington Athletic Club handled that for us — subject, of course, to my okay. I would never have okayed Townsend if I knew he had authored such anti-Jewish nonsense.'

"Mr. Denny then suggested I talk to Darwin Meisnest, executive vice president of the Washington Athletic Club, who arranged the Town Hall program here — and hired Mr. Townsend to occupy the Town Hall platform!

"I did.

" 'Mr. Meisnest,' I queried, 'how did you happen to pick Ralph Townsend for the Town Hall broadcast?'

" 'We were trying to find a pro-Japanese speaker,' he explained. 'That is a rather hard assignment. So I got in touch with Stewart Ward of San Francisco's Commonwealth Club. He recommended Townsend.

" 'On the strength of that recommendation and on the strength of Townsend's recent appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I signed him up for the Town Hall program.'

"Mr. Meisnest, too, expressed astonishment at being told of Townsend's anti-Semitic writings.

" 'I didn't know that,' he said.

"I asked him whether he had read any of Townsend's books or pamphlets.

"He hadn't, Mr. Meisnest replied.

"Like Hitler's agents in America, Ralph Townsend spreads lies about the Jews.

"He is not registered with the U. S. State Department as a Nazi propagandist.

"But he spreads the same poison.

"Nazi bookstores eagerly sell his stuff.

"And now, Ralph Townsend has a 'front' to shield him.

"He has appeared on the eminently respectable Town Hall of the Air!

"He has lectured before the largest meeting ever held by the Town Hall — before 7,000 persons in Seattle's Civic Auditorium!

"Before last week, it was:

" 'Ralph Townsend — formerly of U. S. Consular Service in China. (Actually, 2 years' service). Author of *"Ways That Are Dark," "Asia Answers"* and *"America Has No Enemies in Asia!"* In all of which there is contained anti-Semitic propaganda. [Books that very few people have heard about or read].'

"Now, it is:

" 'Ralph Townsend — Featured Speaker, Town Hall of America.'

"Thus, despite the fact that he uttered no word of anti-Semitism in his Town Hall of the Air broadcast, Ralph Townsend acquired a 'chunk of status' by his Town Hall appearance in Seattle that may help persuade readers of his anti-Semitic writings that he is the real McCoy, a writer who can be trusted.

"Didn't he appear on America's Town Hall?

"How could this unfortunate incident have been prevented?

"The answer is simple.

"George Denny gave it to me.

"It is: If someone had told Mr. Denny in time just who Mr. Ralph Townsend was, Mr. Denny would have taken care of Mr. Townsend.

"But — no one told him, until I asked him about Mr. Townsend the day of the broadcast. Obviously, it was too late to do anything about Mr. Townsend then.

"The question now is: Why wasn't Mr. Townsend 'spotted' before he spoke on the important Town Hall program?

"Why isn't there anyone to keep a vigilant eye on such propagandists as Mr. Ralph Townsend?

"Isn't it time we realized, *'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty?'*

"— Jewish Transcript."

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Observe, gentle reader, that Mr. Krems, the author of the above article, did not prove that Ralph Townsend is an anti-Semite.

Observe that, as a gymnastic logican, he is a fine jumper at conclusions, in so far as he maintains that any person identified with the Rome-Tokyo-Berlin Axis is an "anti-Semite."

Observe, finally, how the Jews of this nation, as instanced in the person of Mr. Krems of the Communistic paper, *PM*, use pressure methods thereby giving occasion to non-Semites to maintain that Jews do control the press — and the radio.

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Our Boys—Militarized

I STOOD at the railway station in Royal Oak, Michigan, one morning last week — just one in a group of many citizens.

We had assembled there to say "Goodbye" to the boys — victims of peace-time conscription — who were on their way to a military camp.

Mothers, sisters, sweethearts — and wives — bravely were trying to hold in check both tears and emotions.

Yes, I said "wives"; for, believe it or not, young married men are not exempt from this nudeal conscription. Young men, formerly occupying fine positions; young men with bank accounts; young men married for quite some time.

Because they had bank accounts, the New Deal conscription officers told them to use their savings to keep their wives.

And *not one young man in the entire group knew why he was going — or where he was going.*

Indeed, there was resentment in their hearts. And there is still plenty of resentment in the hearts of their mothers, sisters, sweethearts and wives even though, early in the morning, before most of the citizens were about, their loved ones were bundled off — bundles for Britain.

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Incidentally, Canada, already at war with Germany, has no such conscription as we have.

No Canadian boy, as yet, can be conscripted to serve overseas.

All of which leaves us more British than are Canadians who, by the way, have signed no *Lease-Lend Bill* but insist that British pay in cash for the food, munitions and materials purchased in the Land of the Maple Leaf.

More British than Canadians!

That is why the New Deal war-mongers sent Wendell Willkie and Claude Pepper to Canada *to pep up the British;* to arouse them to greater war efforts.

And whose war is this?

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Whose war is this, wherein Christians are fighting one another?

Well, the truth will soon be known when we pause to think that our country is being flooded with refugees from Europe — refugees who escaped the terrors of war while our own boys are being prepared for Europe's blood bath.

Absurd — isn't it?

And what kind of boys will return to their mothers, sisters, sweethearts and wives when England cracks up?

They will be socially warped.

Warped in their attitude towards a Government that prated of peace, while its Bullitts and Donovans encouraged England, France, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, Greece and China to continue the mad struggle which will end in the dissolution of Europe.

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Well, the boys have gone. Here's hoping that when they return, those responsible for their going will have gone.

I wonder what effect a letter would have, addressed to the Governor of the State in which you live, protesting against the war-mongers and their efforts to send our boys abroad?

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